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CITIES ARE ROBBING THE RURAL DISTRICTS BUT NEW LIFE COMES

Master of Dominion Grange Tells of Miserable Specimens Who
Flaunt Wealth in Faces of Farmers From Automobiles,
and Suggests Programme That Would Remedy
Conditions Complained of

Toronto, Dec. 17.—That agriculture is stagnant and the rural districts are being robbed of their best to swell the cities, was the statement of W. C. Good, master of the Dominion Grange, in his speech at the 39th annual meeting of that association here this morning. He congratulated the association, however, on the unanimity shown by the farmers' organizations of the prairie provinces with the Grange in presenting their claims at Ottawa.

Mr. Good thought they were on the eve of a great forward movement. Hitherto the vast resources of our country, even the lives and character of its people, have been exploited in order to make possible the enrichment and aggrandizement of the few. "Signs are not wanting," he said, "that a new life is beginning to make itself

felt. Let us fan the feeble flames before which greed and oppression will ultimately wither away. A class of idle rich has grown up in the cities whose love of ostentatious commerce and industry are now pandering. Enervated and miserable specimens of humanity rush about the country in great cars, flaunt their wealth in our faces, tear up our roads and cast their dust upon our fields."

He thought agriculture insufficiently rewarded. The burdens of tariffs and transportation, he said, fall on the farmers. As remedies Mr. Good suggested the abolition of protective tariffs; ceasing to allow the unearned increment in land values to be appropriated by individuals; modernizing political machinery to secure a cleaner democracy, organizing our industries upon a co-operative basis for mutual service, not profits; adapt the schools to the country's needs.

PRINCE OF WALES



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS IN NEED OF VACATION

Motoring to London Social Functions
and Too Much Study Impair
Prince's Health.

London, Dec. 17.—H. R. H. the Prince of Wales returned from Oxford yesterday for Christmas holidays. It is stated that he looks far from well, his face pale, his eyes dull and generally appearing as if he needs the Christmas vacation badly. His royal highness has never been strong, and is believed to have been overdoing things between his studies and his frequent dashes to London by motor to attend social functions.

CREDITORS OF PRINCESS WILL RECEIVE \$900,000

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The creditors of the late King Leopold, daughter of the late King Leopold, who have entered claims against the princess amounting to \$2,200,000, have agreed to the withdrawal of the case from the courts and to abide by the arbitration of two eminent lawyers to whom the government will hand \$900,000 for equitable distribution after an examination of the claims.

AVIATORS ON CRUTCHES MUCH SAFER OFF EARTH

First Lawsuit Arising From Collision
in Air Heard in British
Court.

London, Dec. 17.—Sir Rufus Isaacs, chief justice, and a special jury, yesterday heard the first case arising out of a collision of aeroplanes. The plaintiffs were the Pashley brothers, who owned the British Aeroplanes Company and their pilot, Crawford Kernham, for damages. The defendants made a counter claim.

The collision occurred at Brooklands, Eric Pashley, on a Sommer biplane, colliding with Kernham, on a Bristol machine, as the consequence of a ground fog.

Both pilots appeared in the witness box on crutches, but denied most earnestly that their injuries were due to flying. Pashley said he was run over by a motorcycle, while Kernham swore that he was injured while playing football.

The chief justice thereupon remarked that they seemed safer in the air than on the earth. The jury awarded the plaintiffs \$155 with costs.

To Fly Sahara.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The National Aerial League has completed plans for a flight in a fleet of aeroplanes across the Sahara desert. The aeroplanes will start from Oran Timbuktu, in the military territory of French Sudan, and travel a distance of approximately 1,400 miles. Pyramids of stones will be placed at intervals to mark the route.

VAUDEVILLE PLUMES SEIZED AT PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—State Game Warden Finley has seized a number of vaudeville plumes at the time of their purchase over \$400 from the hat of a performer in Portland. There were forty-six dozen plumes in the headpiece, which was worn only at performances in theatres and not on the streets. Game Warden Finley says he warned the theatres some time ago against having aeroplanes worn on the stage, as their wearing is prohibited in Oregon. He has seized many of the forbidden plumes in the last few months.

ROOT WOULD NOT ACCEPT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Senator Root declared in the senate yesterday that he could not and would not accept the Republican presidential nomination if it were offered to him.

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA DIES VERY SUDDENLY

When Indisposition is Men-
tioned Pope Pius Begs
for Truth

WAS ONE OF GREATEST MEN IN THE CHURCH

Was Active Yesterday Inspect-
ing Restoration Work
at St. Peter's

MIGHT HAVE BECOME NEXT POPE OF ROME

Rome, Dec. 17.—The death of Cardinal Rampolla, former papal secretary of state, was not made known to Pope Pius X. until this morning. Cardinal Merry del Val and Monsignor Giovanni Bressan, the Pope's private secretary, went to see the pontiff at an early hour intending to break the sad news as gently as possible. But when the Pope heard the name of Cardinal Rampolla coupled with the word "indisposition" he grew pale and begged them to tell him the truth without hesitation, as anxiety and uncertainty affected him more than anything else. The two prelates then told him that Rampolla was dead.

As recently as Saturday the Pope had received Cardinal Rampolla, who was then apparently in his usual good health, and spoke at length about many affairs.

The Pope later issued the following statement: "Cardinal Rampolla was one of the greatest men in the church. He had become even greater since he retired from state affairs."

His Holiness ordered that the highest honors should be paid to the deceased cardinal.

On Sunday evening last, Cardinal Rampolla received Silas McBee, former editor of the Churchman, and his wife, of New York, and discussed with them the question of bringing about a better understanding between all religious sects. Cardinal Rampolla was the closest collaborator of Pope Leo XIII. in the movement of the reunion of the Christian churches. When Pope Leo was dying a cablegram was received in Rome saying that the American Protestant congregations were praying for his recovery. Cardinal Rampolla took the dispatch immediately to the dying pontiff, who instructed Cardinal Rampolla to write that the message had been a great consolation to him, as it had proved that his scheme for the reunion of the churches was not a dream.

Yesterday morning Cardinal Rampolla went to St. Peter's to inspect the work of restoration of the choir. Later he felt a general indisposition which developed into profound prostration. He refused, however, to allow his secretary to remain with him all night in the little palace behind St. Peter's, where he had lived since he left the secretaryship of state.

The cardinal's secretary, alarmed at his condition, consulted a physician. The latter visited the cardinal, but discovered no serious symptoms, and ordered him to take a complete rest.

Later in the evening the cardinal grew worse and had great difficulty in breathing. He sent a message hurriedly for his secretary and physician, but when they arrived the cardinal was dead.

The physician declared death was due to angina pectoris. The cardinal's secretary performed the final rites of the church and then sent for the prelate's sister, Baroness Carolina Rampolla-Pezzano, and informed Cardinal Merry del Val.

Cardinal Rampolla, Marquis del Tindaro, was appointed secretary of state by Pope Leo XIII. and at the convocation for the election of a successor to Pope Leo was the predominant figure until Austria exercised an old prerogative, the right to enter an objection to the election of a given candidate for the papacy. Cardinal Rampolla led in the first and second votes.

Cardinal Rampolla has recently been mentioned as a possible successor to Pope Pius X. He was born at Polizzi, Sicily, in 1843, and was proclaimed cardinal in 1887. He was Arch Priest of St. Peter's and secretary of the congregation of the Universal Inquisition.

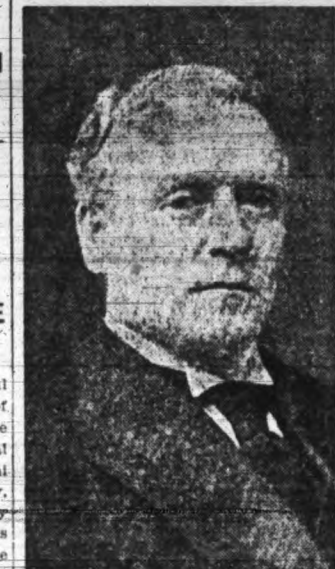
Since the conclave Cardinal Rampolla has lived in retirement in the palace of St. Martha, just behind St. Peter's, and has devoted his time to the departments dealing with matters of doctrine, dogma and internal administration of the church, holding aloof from affairs pertaining to the foreign relations of the Holy See.

MAY BE KNIGHTED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—An unconfirmed rumor was prevalent to-day that the King's New Year honors will include Major E. M. Leonard, chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway commission. Major Leonard, it is said, will be given a knighthood.

Asquith Asked to Cut Armament Cost New Zealand Gift Not Farsighted

PREMIER ASQUITH



ENTERTAINS AMERICANS.

London, Dec. 17.—Ambassador and Mrs. Page, with Francis Bowes Sayre and his bride, formerly Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, were the guests of Premier Asquith at luncheon to-day.

BODIES RECOVERED FROM VULCAN MINE

General Funeral Will Be Held
for Burial of Thirty-Seven
Who Were Killed

Newcastle, Colo., Dec. 17.—Twenty-five bodies of the thirty-seven men killed in yesterday's explosion had been removed from the workings of the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company early to-day. Three more bodies had been located in the rooms of the west entry. After a rest of an hour, weary rescuers started into the mine with pick and shovel to recover the bodies imprisoned of broken timbers, stone and coal.

With the coming of day, Newcastle, relieved of the tense excitement of yesterday, was just beginning to realize the full meaning of the catastrophe. Women and children thronged the square for the purpose of identifying relatives among the bodies. Tentative plans were made to-day for a general funeral at which the victims of yesterday's disaster would be buried in the same cemetery where relatives of victims of the explosion in 1896 still go to mourn.

All mine rescue work has been systematized. New arrivals from surrounding and distant camps took the places of those who toiled all night. Division Superintendent Cummings announced that the work would continue under present plans until the last body was found.

The official list of dead to-day numbered thirty-seven. It was said no inquest would be held until all the bodies were removed.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS RETURNING TO OTTAWA

Excitement Caused in Eastern City
This Morning When Mr. Cochrane
Was Reported as There.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—An erroneous announcement in a morning newspaper that Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, who has been absent from Ottawa for several weeks owing to illness, had returned to the capital caused much excitement. The majority of the cabinet ministers and many others called at Mr. Cochrane's office to see the minister only to find that the minister had not yet returned. It is understood, however, that Mr. Cochrane is en route to Ottawa from the south. It is understood that Mr. Cochrane will remain in the capital for a few days and then go away again until shortly before the house opens. The health of the minister is said to have considerably improved.

H. W. BEATTY DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—H. W. Beatty, head of the Beatty Manufacturing Co., was found dead in his garage early this morning. Heart disease was the cause. He was a son of the late W. H. Beatty, a prominent financier of Toronto.

BRITISH LIBERALS TELL PRIME MINISTER NATION NEVER SAFER

Members of Parliament Who Asked That Proposed Canadian
Naval Contribution Should Not Be Accepted Unless Voted
With Full Consent of Dominion Request That Votes
for Naval Defence Shall Not Be Presented

London, Dec. 17.—A deputation of Liberal members of parliament, a great many of whom were associated with the memorial presented last year, urging the House not to accept the Canadian naval contribution without its full consent, will wait upon the prime minister to-day to represent that there is great uneasiness in the Liberal party at the anticipated unnecessary increase in expenditure.

The deputation suggests that a further increase in armaments beyond that arising from the programme already sanctioned by the House of Commons is unnecessary and ought to be refused, and that the country is already spending up to the hilt great revenues derived from the trade "boom," so that any decline in trade must mean a considerable addition to existing taxation.

They hold the view that the nation was never in a safer position, both from its strength and the present state of international relations, and that in these circumstances any increase in naval expenditures will create a situation of great gravity in the fortunes of the Liberal party and affect the welfare of the nation.

CHURCHILL'S VIEW OF NEW ZEALAND GIFT IS UNFAVORABLY CRITICIZED BY THE GUARDIAN

London, Dec. 17.—Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill's speech yesterday to the crew of the New Zealand, wherein he described the gift of a ship as "one of the greatest acts of farseeing imagination which any modern state could claim credit for," is unfavorably criticized by the Manchester Guardian, perhaps the strongest Liberal newspaper in Britain.

"The gift of New Zealand," says the Guardian, "was based on a complete misapprehension of facts. Its distinguishing quality was not, as Mr. Churchill said, that it was a gift, but that it was a loan. Every tub should stand on its own bottom. But the result is at any rate stable and not without a certain dignity."

OIL PLANT ON FIRE BURNS ALL MORNING

Ten Thousand Gallon Tank of
Petroleum Explodes in Oak-
land Conflagration

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 17.—More than a score of employees had a narrow escape at 7.30 this morning when fire destroyed the local plant of the Pacific Oil Refining Company. The origin of the flames is unknown. The fire got beyond control quickly, and, aided by exploding oil, practically destroyed the plant, doing \$200,000 damage.

At 1 o'clock the fire was still burning fiercely and resisting all efforts of an army of fire fighters.

At 1.15 p.m. a ten-thousand gallon tank of petroleum exploded, threatening the lives of the men fighting the blaze. The hundreds of fire fighters and spectators fled across the drawbridge, and for a few minutes the intense heat barred all further efforts of the firemen.

Opposite the scene of the fire is an immense oil tank belonging to the Southern Pacific. A detail of men are making a strenuous effort to save the tank. The fire tug Phoenix is fighting the fire from the Oakland estuary. A general alarm was sounded when the fire was seen to be beyond control, and apparatus from all parts of the city is on the scene.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF TRAMWAYS AT NELSON

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 17.—Property owners of Nelson will vote on by-laws aggregating \$46,000 for purchase and operation of street railway system on December 23.

This was decided at the last meeting of the city council when a by-law to authorize issuance to stockholders of bonds to amount of \$16,000 for the purchase of a system and the second by-law to raise \$30,000 to pay the company's debts and provide for maintenance and improvements received its third reading. The city is to take the system over February 1.

THOMAS HARDY HONORED.

London, Dec. 17.—The Nobel Prize for literature for 1914 is to be awarded, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, to Thomas Hardy, the English author.

REES IS IMPROVING.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—So marked has been the improvement in the condition of Commissioner David M. Rees, of the Salvation Army, that this afternoon his recovery is almost assured.

WITNESS IS ACCUSED PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Inspectors Heard in Western
Fuel Case Who Visited
Mines at Nanaimo

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—David C. Powers, one of the chief witnesses for the government in the prosecution of the directors and officers of the Western Fuel Company, was arraigned in the police court to-day on a charge of seduction. He pleaded not guilty, and his bail was reduced from \$5,000 furnished when arrested yesterday, to \$2,000. A continuance of the case for one week was granted, there being no session of the federal grand jury, hastily called in special session yesterday to inquire into the charges that the arrest of Powers was part of a conspiracy to discredit the government witnesses.

The Western Fuel trial was resumed in the United States district court with David C. Norcross, secretary of the company on the stand explaining the employment of the defendants and testifying to their connection with the company. It seemed likely that the government would consume several days more in laying the technical foundation of its case.

H. G. Edwards of Seattle, a customs inspector, Guy M. Watkins of Portland, Ore., also a customs inspector, and F. B. Winnebrenner of Seattle, a government suager and weigher, told of visits to the company's mines in British Columbia in 1907, 1908 and 1909 and of what they learned of the methods of weighing in use there.

The purpose of this testimony seemed to be to check the weights against those recorded for the same shipments as recorded here.

SCHMIDT WOULD TELL HIS STORY TO COURT

Sister of Accused Man Says He Has
Been Insane for
Years.

New York, Dec. 17.—Hans Schmidt, slayer of Anna Ammiller, notified counsel conducting the defence in his trial for murder to-day, that he was under "a divine inspiration" to take the witness stand and tell his story in his own way. The inspiration had not extended to his lawyers at noon, however, and they were still undecided whether to call him.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schadler, Schmidt's favorite sister, who came from Germany with her father, testified that Schmidt had been insane for years, was cross-examined at the resumption of the trial to-day. Her story was practically unchanged by the district attorney's questioning.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS SEE DESPERATE ACT

Surrounded by Plenty Hungry and
Penniless Woman Smashes
Store Window.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Desperate from hunger and unable to find work, Mrs. Mary E. Erickson, a widow, 32 years old, threw a brick through the plate glass window of a cigar store here this afternoon. The street was crowded with Christmas shoppers when Mrs. Erickson calmly dashed the brick through the window. A great crowd gathered about her while she waited in silence for the police patrol wagon.

At the police station she said she had wanted to be arrested as she feared she would starve otherwise, as she had been out of work for a month and had been practically without food for days.

TAMPECO CONDITIONS REACH NORMAL AGAIN

All Foreigners Out of Chihuahua
Many Seek Money;
Zapata Active

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rear-Admiral Fletcher reported to-day that normal conditions were being restored in Tampico. His reports state that the weather has moderated and that he has been able to transfer all the refugees back to the Summer. A later dispatch advises that the refugees have all been returned safely to Tampico.

Further advice says the Ward liner Morro Castle sailed on Tuesday at 8 p. m., only eight Americans desiring to leave on board of her.

Rebels to the number of about 4,000 are reported to be camped eighteen miles northward of Tampico. For the present the army transport Summer will remain at Tampico.

Villa Seeking Ransom.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 17.—United States Consul Letcher at Chihuahua telegraphed to Consul Edwards to-day that almost all foreigners had left Chihuahua and that the city was quiet.

Reports from other sources were that the next clash between General Villa and the federalists was expected south of Chihuahua, but that it probably would be some time before the opposing forces would meet.

Luis Terrazas, Jr., still is held a prisoner by Villa. The avowed purpose is to compel the Terrazas family to pay a large sum of money for his release. Villa asserts the Terrazas succeeded in taking much of their cash and securities to the United States before the rebels arrived, and it is his plan to hold Luis, Jr., until \$250,000 or more is sent back.

Crowds Seek Money.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—Crowds again formed this morning in front of the doors of the Central Bank hours before the opening, in order to exchange their state bank-bills for cash. Notices had been posted overnight to the effect that the Central Bank would redeem to their holders only half of the amount of the state bank bills.

This was for the purpose of relieving as many of them as possible and the redemption was to be made conditional on the Central Bank having on deposit funds of the state banks to cover the bills.

Zapata Secures Ranch.

The rebels who have penetrated the federal district and who clashed with federal troops at Milpa Alta and San Lorenzo yesterday are said to be accompanied and directed by Emiliano Zapata.

General Zapata is alleged to have taken possession of Napanpa ranch, a few miles from Milpa Alta. At one time this property was a favorite resting place of General Porfirio Diaz. According to government reports received at the capital to-day, a further rout was administered to the rebels at San Lorenzo yesterday. After the engagement the followers of Zapata took refuge in the rough country at the base of Mount Ajusco.

BECAUSE OF COLLAPSE MRS. PANKHURST IS FREE

London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant suffragette leader, was again released from Holloway jail to-day at noon. She had been imprisoned only since Saturday, when she was arrested while on her way from Paris to London.

Mrs. Pankhurst was in a state of collapse as a result of a "hunger-strike" and was taken in an ambulance to the headquarters of the militant suffragettes, where a physician was waiting. As soon as she is able she will go to Switzerland to recuperate.

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PROVINCIAL MINING CONDITIONS IMPROVED

Profit of Consolidated Company for This Year is About One Million

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 17.—At the annual meeting of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd., held at Toronto yesterday, the report was presented for the fiscal year ending September 30. It showed that mining operations in Rossland and the Kootenay country have entered upon a new era of prosperity. After showing \$150,000 in round figures for development and wiping off \$200,000 approximately for depreciation, the profit of the Consolidated Company for the past year was equivalent to 18 per cent. upon the shares issued, which are \$5,800,000. This means that the profits for the fiscal year of fifteen months ended September last amounted to \$998,267.

During the year the company added largely to its holdings by the acquisition of new properties involving an expenditure of \$232,113. The profit of a round million for this year is more than three times that of 1912, which was \$310,245.

Out of the net profit of \$998,267 the sum of \$464,352 was required for the payment of the eight per cent. dividend, leaving a balance of \$534,015. The balance at the credit of profit and loss at the close of the fiscal year, September 30, was \$1,715,650, and the bank indebtedness was reduced from \$343,812 to \$197,078.


There were treated at the Trail smelter 407,123 tons, having a gross value of \$3,335,688, showing an increase of the average monthly tonnage smelted over last year of about 2,400 tons.

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POLITICS IN TIMBER SMOKING IN SUMMER

Lumberman Fears Political Charity by Government May Lead to Extravagance

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—During the discussion at the forest fire conference of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, one of the radical propositions made was the cultivation of an educational movement which would in the course of time make easy the passage of laws in the different states along the Pacific Coast and in British Columbia prohibiting smoking in the woods during the summer season, when the danger of fire is greatest.

Officers were elected as follows: President, A. I. Flewelling, Portland; secretary-treasurer, G. M. Cornwall, Portland; vice-presidents, C. A. Wall, Idaho; F. J. Davies, Washington; E. G. Ames, Oregon; C. A. Briggs, California; Miles Standish.

It was decided to hold next year's convention at Tacoma, and the 1915 convention at San Francisco.

The British Columbia forestry system was then taken up by T. F. Patterson, who expressed the coast lumbermen's view. He stated that on the coast there were only four months of real fire danger. The rest of the year there was more or less rain. The real danger of fire, he said, was in the logged-off lands. All reports of fire in the timber were exaggerated and he did not know of any one serious fire on the coast in the standing timber. He thought that the government was trying to get value for every dollar expended, but he feared the appointments of rangers and others might take the form of a sort of political charity and that there might be a tendency towards extravagance in expenditure.

H. R. McMillan, chief forester of the B. C. government, urged greater co-operation between the lumbermen and the government. It was a large area to patrol, and the population was small.

Referring to the Okanagan forest trails, he said they were all necessary. Any complaint to the department regarding unnecessary expense would be immediately recognized. All the expenditures were open to the scrutiny of the lumbermen.

An exhibit that aroused great interest among the lumber mill owners was shown from the plant of the Cameron Lumber Co., Victoria. It consisted of briquets manufactured under pressure from sawdust and mill waste and in the explanation of the product it was stated that it provided a cheaply manufactured and very efficient fuel. The briquets were produced under pressure and at about 250 degrees centigrade, the process of production also taking off the volatile matter and securing the reclamation of turpentine and other fluids of a marketable value.

IMPORTANT ORE STRIKE IN ROSSLAND DISTRICT

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 17.—An important strike of ore has been made by the Richmond Consolidated Mining Company in the south belt here. While working on the Lily May claim adjoining the Richmond, and which is now part of the Richmond Company's holdings, a vein thirty-five feet in width was encountered, which shows high values in copper.

The company has been doing nothing but development work and is down two hundred feet. They are now drifting toward the Richmond property and are finding encouraging showings of the same kind as the strike made. The progress of the Richmond Consolidated is being eagerly watched as the south belt is not now producing, and if the Richmond succeed in marketing ore on a paying basis, it is practically certain that several partly-developed claims in the south belt, some of which were producers in the early days, will be re-opened and the camp take on new and more vigorous life. The south belt contains several promising properties, owned by Spokane and Vancouver people.

The phoenix, which is one of the best, and is owned entirely by Spokane men, struck ore last summer that assayed very high in copper.

TAKE POSTAL CLAUSE FROM HOME RULE BILL

London, Dec. 17.—The cabinet, which is holding conferences this week to prepare for the next session of Parliament, has decided to eliminate from the Home Rule Bill the clause transferring the Irish post office to the authority of the new Dublin Parliament.

This clause has been severely attacked by the Opposition speakers and also by Federal Home Rulers as a serious blemish on the bill. Henceforth, therefore, the post office, like the army and navy and the foreign policy, will be under imperial control.

It is reported that the negotiations between the government and the opposition on the Ulster difficulty are apparently making no progress.

SUNDAY WORKERS HAVE NO CLAIM IN ACCIDENT

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—By a decision of Judge Grant in the county court, in the case of the administration of the estate of Steven Picas against J. W. Stewart, Y. V. and E. railway contractor, his honor has ruled that a person injured in employment on Sunday has no claim for damages because Sunday employment is illegal.

Picas was killed through a dynamite blast when employed on Sunday. In this case the deceased had not secured cover to protect himself from danger, which was a second reason for the dismissal of the case.

PROVINCE'S DEFICIT THIRTEEN MILLIONS

Attorney-General Offers Explanation for Borrowing \$1,460,000 in London

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Attorney-General Bowser last night at the banquet in the Commercial Club, given by the local lumber and timber men to the delegates to the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, a great many from the United States, under-look to explain the reason for the British Columbia government in November borrowing in London \$1,460,000, and he gave as his explanation the fact that the Liberals, or, as he termed them, "his enemies," were criticising the government for this particular financial turn.

Hon. Mr. Bowser gave the following figures in leading up to the reason for the new loan: Estimates of 1912-13 showed: Expenditures, \$16,200,000; revenue, \$10,300,000; deficit, \$5,900,000.

Estimates of 1913-14 showed: Expenditures, \$17,500,000; revenue, \$10,300,000; deficit, \$7,200,000.

Total deficit, \$13,400,000.

Total amount to be expended on public works: 1912-13, \$8,200,000; 1913-14, \$5,600,000; total, \$13,800,000.

In other words, the attorney-general explained, the expenditures on public works amounted to 50 per cent. of the total sums voted. Actual figures are not yet to hand to show what increase has taken place in the revenue over the estimate, he explained. For general purposes it was found necessary to issue six months' treasury bills on November 25, which has netted the province \$1,460,000. This short loan will, in all probability, give sufficient funds to enable the government to complete its programme of expenditure up to March 31, 1914.

The police of the government, Mr. Bowser added, was not to board up money, but to expend it in building up the country. People, he said, think the government should have money in the bank, but on account of the financial stringency which all lines of business have felt, the government could not square both sides of the ledger.

The government had made plans on account of its sale of lands at 6 per cent., but with the stringency this revenue naturally shrank. The government faced the question of closing down public works, or to accentuate the fact of stringent times by forcing people to pay up. It had not been thought wise to do either of these things. It had adopted the same course anyone would pursue—the business man in a case of the kind would go to his banker and might get an overdraft, and the banker, the speaker added, is the most abused man in British Columbia when probably by his actions he has shown kindness. The government had felt it not wise to force the man, nor to stop development, but, as business men they went to London and raised money.

They were fortunate in being able to go out and in one day raise a million and a half at 5 per cent. The C. P. R., the strongest corporation in the world, had borrowed \$40,000,000 at a discount of 20 per cent., and had to give 6 per cent. interest. This province had been able to borrow at a better rate, than the C. P. R. its credit was so good it could borrow a million and a half in one day. If the Liberals had been in power they probably would have done the same—the government wished to take no credit.

Mr. Bowser further explained that the government had invested in the Songhees Indian reserve, the Kitsilano reserve and other land \$2,500,000. It also had invested \$250,000 in a site in Trafalgar Square, London, for a 99-year lease for a building which would be a permanent monument to the credit of British Columbia. It would be a mark of credit, showing a small band of people having this building for their own. Three hundred thousand dollars were to be invested in the building, but the contractors would put this up and be paid out of the rentals. Already there had been a good offer to resell this lease.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Bowser said the government invited people to come here and invest their money, for they do not have to be British subjects to hold land or timber here. The government has a liberal and broad policy, he said. It wants to encourage foreign capital. Capital here has every protection. There is no break legislation carried through the House. There never is any legislation of a repudiatory nature. Any person is safe in his investments here.

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Paralee Collins, the young woman who was lashed with switches and ordered to leave the state on pain of death, appeared in West Plains Monday night accompanied by Mary Dick Collins, another young woman who was ordered out of the county. After supplying themselves with arms and ammunition the women departed, saying they intended to return to Old Horton and fight it out.

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Fishery Rights in Canada

The Attorney-General for the Province of British Columbia, with the Attorneys-General for the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan as Interveners, v. The Attorney-General for the Dominion of Canada.

Present: The lord chancellor, Lord Shaw, and Lord Moulton.

This was an appeal by the province of British Columbia, in support of which the other six provinces intervened, from a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada of February 18 last on certain questions submitted to them by the governor-general in council as to the powers of the provincial legislatures to authorize their governments to grant exclusive rights to fish.

Sir Robert Finlay, K.C., Mr. Lafleur, K.C. (of the Canadian bar), and Mr. Geoffrey Lawrence appeared for the appellants, and with Mr. Geoffrey, K.C. (of the Canadian bar), for the interveners; Mr. E. L. Newcombe, K.C. (of the Canadian bar); Mr. Bateson, K.C. (of the Canadian bar); Mr. H. Stuart Moore, and Mr. Raymond Asquith for the respondent.

The arguments, which lasted six days, were heard in July last before a board composed of the lord chancellor, Lord Atkinson, and Lord Moulton, when judgment was reserved.

Judgment.

The lord chancellor, in now delivering their lordships' judgment, said: This is the appeal of the government of British Columbia from answers given by the Supreme Court of Canada to certain questions submitted to it by the Canadian government, under the authority of a statute of the Dominion parliament. The questions did not arise in any litigation, but were questions of a general and abstract character relating to the fishery rights of the province. It is clear that questions of this kind can be competently put to the Supreme Court where, as in this case, statutory authority to pronounce upon them has been given to that court by the Dominion parliament. The practice is now well established, and its validity was affirmed by this board in the recent case of the Attorney-General of Ontario v. the Attorney-General of the Dominion (1912 A.C. 571). It is at times attended with inconveniences, and it is not surprising that the Supreme Court of the United States should have steadily refused to adopt a similar procedure, and should have confined itself to adjudication on the legal rights of litigants in actual controversies. But this refusal is based on the position of that court in the constitution of the United States, a position which is different from that of any Canadian court, or of the Judicial Committee under the statute of William IV. The business of the Supreme Court of Canada is to do what is laid down as its duty by the Dominion parliament, and the duty of the Judicial Committee, although not bound by any Canadian statute, is to give to it as a court of review such assistance as is within its power. Nevertheless, under this procedure questions may be put of a kind which it is impossible to answer satisfactorily. Not only may the position of future litigants be prejudiced by the court laying down principles in an abstract form without any reference or relation to actual facts, but it may turn out to be practically impossible to define a principle adequately and safely without previous ascertainment of the exact facts to which it is to be applied. It has therefore happened that, in cases of the present class, their lordships have occasionally found themselves unable to answer all the questions put to them, and have found it advisable to limit and guard their replies. It will be seen that this is so to some extent in the present appeal.

The Questions Submitted.

The questions submitted to the supreme court of Canada were as follows:—
1. Is it competent to the legislature of British Columbia to authorize the government of the province to grant by way of lease, license, or otherwise, the exclusive right to fish in any or what part or parts of the waters within the railway belt—(a) As to such waters as are tidal; and (b) as to such waters as, although not tidal, are in fact navigable?

2. Is it competent to the legislature of British Columbia to authorize the government of the province to grant by way of lease, license, or otherwise, the exclusive right, or any right, to fish below low-water mark in or in any or what part or parts of the open sea within a marine league of the coast of the province?

3. Is there any and what difference

between the open sea within a marine league of the coast of British Columbia, and the gulfs, bays, channels, arms of the sea, and estuaries of the rivers within the province or lying between the province and the United States of America, so far as concerns the authority of the legislature of British Columbia to authorize the government of the province to grant by way of lease, license, or otherwise, the exclusive right or any right to fish below low-water mark in the said waters or any of them?

The lord chancellor then referred to the nature and origin of the constitution of the province of British Columbia in 1858, and after alluding to the case of the Attorney-General for British Columbia v. Attorney-General for the Dominion (14 A.C. 295), said: Their lordships can see nothing in the judgment referred to which casts the slightest doubt upon the conclusion to which they have come from a direct consideration of the terms of the grant itself—namely, that the entire beneficial interest in everything that was transferred passed from the province to the Dominion. There is no reservation of anything to the grantors. The whole solum of the belt lying between its extreme boundaries passed to the Dominion, and this must include the beds of the rivers and lakes which lie within the belt. Nor can there be any doubt that every right springing from the ownership of the solum would also pass to the Dominion, and this would include such rights in, or over the waters of the rivers and lakes as would legally flow from the ownership of the solum. This view is in harmony with what has been decided by the Dominion parliament in the case of the effect of the grant of the railway belt came into question. Burrard Power Company v. The King (1911 A.C. 87), where it was held that a grant of water rights on a lake and river within the belt made by the government of the province was void. The grounds of the decision of the board in that case were that the grant of the lands to the Dominion had passed the water rights incidental to the lands, and that these lands, so long as unsettled, were public property within the meaning of section 91 of the British North America Act, and were therefore under the exclusive legislative authority of the Dominion, and could not be dealt with under water clauses act passed by the provincial government.

Their lordships entertain no doubt that the title to the solum and the water rights in the Fraser and other rivers and lakes, so far as within the belt, are at present held by the crown in right of the Dominion and that this title extends to the exclusive management of the land and to the appropriation of its territorial resources.

It remains to consider the consequences as regards fishing rights. These are, in their lordships' opinion, the same as in the ordinary case of ownership of a lake or river bed. The general principle is that fisheries are in their nature mere profits of the soil over which the water flows, and that the title to a fishery arises from the right to the solum. A fishery may, of course, be acquired by prescription, and it then becomes a profit à prendre in alieno solo and an incorporeal hereditament. The severance may be effected by grant or by prescription, but it cannot be brought about by custom, for the origin of such a custom would be an unlawful act. But apart from the existence of such severance by grant or prescription the fishing rights go with the property in the solum.

Lord Hale's Opinion.

The authorities treat this broad principle as being of general application. They do not restrict it to inland or non-tidal waters. They recognize it as giving to the owners of lands on the foreshore or within an estuary or elsewhere where the tide flows and reflows a title to fish in the water over such lands, and this is equally the case whether the owner be the Crown or a private individual. But in the case of tidal waters (whether on the foreshore or in estuaries, or tidal rivers) the exclusive character of the title is qualified by another and paramount title which is prima facie in the public. Lord Hale in his "De Jure Maris," in a passage cited with approval by Lord Blackburn in his judgment in *Neill v. The Duke of Devonshire* (8 A.C. 177), states the law as follows:

"The right of fishing in this sea" (i.e. the narrow seas adjoining the coast) "and the creeks and arms thereof, is originally lodged in the Crown, as the right of depasturing is originally lodged in the owner of the waste whereof he is lord, or as the right of fishing belongs to him that is the owner of a private or inland river."

But though the King is the owner of this great waste, and as a consequence of his property hath a primary right of fishing in the sea and creeks or arms thereof, yet the common people of England have regularly a liberty of fishing in the sea or creeks or arms thereof, as a public common of piscary, and may not without injury to their right be restrained of it, unless in such places, creeks or navigable rivers where either the King or some particular subject hath gained a propriety exclusive of that common liberty."

Fishery in Rivers, Lakes, and Tidal Waters.

It follows from these considerations that the position of the rights of fishing in the rivers, lakes, and tidal waters (whether in rivers and estuaries or on the foreshore) within the railway belt stand prima facie as follows: In the non-tidal waters they belong to the proprietor of the soil, i.e. the Dominion, unless and until they have been granted by it to some individual or corporation. In the tidal waters, whether on the foreshore or in creeks, estuaries, and tidal rivers, the public have the right to fish, and by reason of the provisions of Magna Charta no restriction can be put upon that right of the public by an exercise of the prerogative in the form of a grant or otherwise. It will, of course, be understood that in speaking of this public right of fishing in tidal waters their lordships do not refer in any way to fishing by kiddies, weirs, or other engines fixed to the soil. Such methods of fishing involve a use of the solum which, according to English law, cannot be vested in

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have now said affords a sufficient answer to the third question. It is in the negative. They will humbly advise his Majesty that the three questions should be answered in the fashion they have indicated. In accordance with the usual practice in such cases, there will be no costs of this appeal.

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The position of affairs at the present time is that we have assumed certain liabilities on account of water supply. Against current revenue there is an annual charge on account of the first Sooke lake-by-law of \$74,825. On account of the second Sooke lake-by-law there is an annual charge of \$77,325. That is an annual charge against current revenue of \$152,150 as far as we have gone. Whether the two loans which entail this charge will be sufficient to complete the undertaking and deliver water within the city distribution pipes is a matter yet to be determined. A good many will be agreeably surprised should this be the case. If we shoulder the Leech river watershed proposition in the interests of posterity we shall add a further sum of \$26,521 as a charge against current revenue, making it \$178,671. That is the position some of our advisers would place us in with respect to waterworks. It is not a position the ratepayers should permit themselves to be placed in in our humble opinion at this time, when the imperative necessity for care and economy in civic administration is being impressed upon us by all authorities in financial matters. But that is not all. There is the Johnson Street bridge to be built, and if it is built in accordance with the plans that have been laid down and with an agreement said to have been made with the provincial government, there will be a further annual charge against current revenue of \$26,521, or a total of nearly a quarter of a million in connection with these two works alone. The Johnson Street bridge is also a work largely for the benefit of posterity. All things considered, we are surprised that a single alderman has been persuaded in his mind that the present generation reasonably can be asked to assume in these unsettled financial times such a huge burden principally for the benefit of those who are to follow after them. Let us attend to matters of immediate concern, with reasonable provision against the future, and we shall have discharged all imperative obligations.

SIR WILFRID'S HEALTH.

The chief Canadian correspondent of the London Times, who is Sir John Willison, of Toronto, writes to his paper that it is not conceivable that Sir Wilfrid Laurier can continue long to lead the Liberal party. Sir Wilfrid is not a young man as years go, but there is no doubt that he never enjoyed better health than he does at the present time. We have heard the opinion expressed that the leader of the Liberal party will be leader longer

than Mr. Borden will be premier of Canada. Probably Sir John Willison has heard that too, and it may be the reason for his expression of opinion in the London Times. Probably also Sir John, who was once a Liberal and wrote an able biography of Sir Wilfrid, would not much regret, deeply if the man for whom he once expressed such deep admiration were to retire. He obtained his knighthood for services rendered against the Liberal leader and the Liberal party. Rumor has it that still he is not satisfied. He wants a seat in parliament, and it probably will be found for him in Toronto, which will have increased representation in the House under the redistribution bill which must be passed before dissolution. Consequently we can understand and appreciate Sir John's anxiety for the retirement of Sir Wilfrid. Although not an unusually sensitive person, it might be embarrassing for him to sit in opposition to a man whom he once so highly eulogized. Sir John's wish is undoubtedly rather to Sir John's not by any means chivalrous thoughts.

THE DEPARTED CASH ASSET.

The Attorney-General did not disclose a state secret in Vancouver yesterday evening when he admitted that our cash asset of \$7,850,000, which once rested peacefully in the bank, had disappeared. But it must have caused him a mighty wrench to bid farewell to the fiction he and his colleagues have been airing at regular intervals for some years. Nevertheless the fact had to be admitted, simply because no person outside of an insane asylum believed that had the province so large a sum available it would have been forced to such an extreme method of raising funds as the issue of its treasury notes.

Mr. Bowser, who knows a trick or two, clearly sees that the credulity of even the trusting electorate may be strained too far. Where has the large sum gone? Mr. Bowser affords us some enlightenment at any rate. He says that for the year 1912-13 the legislature appropriated for expenditure the sum of \$16,200,000 against an estimated revenue of \$10,200,000 and that for 1913-14 it voted the sum of \$17,800,000 against a revenue of \$10,300,000, the total deficit from expenditure over revenue for the two years being \$13,400,000. How has that deficit been met? If we have sunk our cash balance of \$7,850,000 into it we are still in the hole to the extent of \$5,550,000. Obviously, then, instead of that "comfortable balance at the bank," of which Sir Richard has spoken so often, we must have overdrawn our account. More than that, we must be heavily indebted to that quarter or it would not have been necessary to raise money on treasury notes. The bank would not have shut down on so excellent a customer and patron as the province of British Columbia for the small sum of \$15,500,000.

The fact that the government has expended \$17,500,000 on public works does not justify, in itself, this reckless disregard of the proportion between revenue and outlay. The test of wise expenditure is not the amount involved but the character of the service rendered for it. If the Attorney-General's apology were accepted it would mean that the prodigal son in the parable, the profligate emperors of Rome, the incontinent spenders of Fifth Avenue, typify the highest wisdom in the disposal of their wealth. At that rate the province should have expended \$50,000,000 instead of \$17,000,000, because the bigger the outlay the greater and wiser the statesmanship. An impartial investigation would show, however, that fifty per cent. of our expenditure on public works has been thrown away, because it has been prostituted to the exigencies of politics.

Mr. Bowser's vaunt that the fact that the province secured its million and a half at five and a half per cent. showed that its credit in London was almost as good as that of the British government itself, which had to pay four and three-quarter per cent. and better than that of the C.P.R., which recently borrowed money at seven per cent., was inexpressibly silly. Surely none of his hearers was so stupid as to take any stock in such rubbish. Why, the province had to issue treasury notes, secured upon its ordinary revenue, before it could raise even \$1,500,000. It had to do this because the Premier found on his recent visit that it would be difficult if not impossible to float a loan in the ordinary way until next summer at least. In this we are in the same boat as the dominion and other provincial governments and municipalities. On the other hand, the Canadian Pacific Railway company to-day stands higher in the money market than the governments of the country in which it operates. Apparently Mr. Bowser has not yet abandoned his well known, and it must be confessed, pretty successful maxim—"If you tell the people what they want to believe at the time they want to believe it, the people will believe anything you tell them."

OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

Mr. Borden cannot afford to ignore the representations made by the deputations which interviewed him at Ottawa yesterday. The three main recommendations were free wheat, an increase of the British preference to fifty per cent., with free trade between Canada and the Motherland as the ultimate object, and the removal of the duties from agricultural implements.

In regard to wheat all that needs to be done to obtain unconditional access to the United States market is to remove the duty from wheat coming to Canada. If we do this the Washington government will knock off the ten per cent. rate which still remains in force against our wheat. Of course such action on Canada's part would be carrying out one phase of the reciprocity agreement against which the electors recorded their verdict two years ago, but it is significant that some of Mr. Borden's colleagues favor this course while Tory newspapers are advocating it. The pill will be a bitter one to the imperialistic bogey-hunters, but they will have to swallow it.

The increase of the British preference will be fought tooth and nail by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who labored so hard to prevent the empire from "falling to pieces" two years ago. The proposal of the farmers is that the duty on British imports to this country be made fifty per cent. lower than the duty on similar goods from foreign countries. This would greatly stimulate trade between Canada and the Old Country and enable British manufacturers to compete more successfully with the Americans in our market.

It was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who gave the first preference to British goods, which was finally increased to 33-1-3 per cent., with the result that our imports from the United Kingdom increased to a remarkable extent. The measure was bitterly opposed by the Tory party of that day, and we may add that up to the present it has shown no signs of relenting in its opposition to further concessions to British exporters. Still it is the only, genuine, guaranteed, Simon-pure party of imperialism on the stump.

It is too much to hope that the duty will be removed from agricultural implements. The large factories of Ontario, including the branches of American establishments operating in this country, will attend to that. The farmers of the prairie provinces are indebted to these firms on account of their farming machinery in the vast sum of \$100,000,000. On this amount they pay a high rate of interest. This, and their other obligations, will explain why with a bumper crop they have not been able to distribute much money in the ordinary avenues of circulation.

British Columbia is vitally interested in these demands. Our progress is interlocked with that of the great farming population east of the Rockies. They are the natural market for many of our products. Nothing could so rapidly dissipate the clouds of financial uncertainty as the relief of that big army of farmers from the burdens now pressing down upon them. The larger their profits the more they are able to spend in this province. We go further and say that unless Mr. Borden affords them substantial relief our own progress will be seriously retarded.

The mayor's chief apology for advancing the Leech river proposition is that very shortly there may be a demand outside the city of Victoria for water for irrigation purposes. Possibly so. But are the ratepayers of the city under any obligation to assume heavy liabilities on account of non-residents and non-taxpayers? If there is any such obligation, moral or otherwise, we have Elk lake. That reservoir, we are practically told, never again can be used as a source of water supply. The water, we are informed, is not fit for human consumption. Why not use it for irrigation purposes should a demand arise for water for such a purpose? We wonder that the mayor, with his uncanny faculty for peering far into the future, had not thought of that.

Some time ago our contemporary entertained us with an instructive editorial article on "What is News." In its dispatch from Ottawa this morning we searched in vain for reference to the three outstanding requests made by the farmers' deputations to the Prime Minister yesterday. These were free wheat, the increase of the British preference to fifty per cent., and removal of the duty from agricultural implements. And yet its dispatch took up almost a column of space on the front page. In practice our contemporary's idea of news is anything that accords with its political views. Surely its readers are entitled to know just what recommendations were made yesterday by a deputation representing more than a million farmers!

Mr. Bonar Law has another tariff policy. He has abandoned the Chamberlain proposal of a tax on food and says he would impose a ten per cent. tariff on imported manufactures, giving a preference to the dominions. What joyful news this will be to Canada! Think of a preference on

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the large quantities of cutlery and textiles we export to the motherland, where these things are not produced! The Toronto Star suggests that Mr. Borden reciprocate by proposing to give a preference on the wheat we buy from the United Kingdom.

In respect to immigration to British Columbia from the Orient, the position to-day is: If a white artisan or laborer from Australia arrives at Victoria on a steamer carrying a white artisan or laborer from South Africa, both being British subjects, they cannot enter Canada, whereas a Chinaman from Hongkong, coming on the same steamer, will be admitted on payment of a tax. The white man, a citizen of the Empire, is absolutely excluded; the Chinaman, an alien, cannot be excluded if he complies with the provisions of the Chinese Act. That is the situation that Sir Richard McBride somewhat loosely declared he advised Premier Borden to create.

The Hon. Thos. Crothers, Minister of Labor, who ran away to England "to study labor problems" while this island was in the throes of an industrial conflict, has again projected himself into the limelight. At Halifax the other day he said the high cost of living was an indication of the prosperity and expansion of the country, and added, "if you want cheap living, let's have a few years of hard times." He also said he did not like the title of "Minister of Labor," preferring to be called "Minister of Play." Ye gods, and this is the man Mr. Borden selected to fill the shoes of Mackenzie King.

It is a pleasure to learn from the Attorney-General that the credit of the province in London is almost as good as that of the British government. Of course the fact that the imperial authorities have reduced their debt by \$500,000,000 while we have to issue treasury notes to obtain \$1,500,000 is the only thing that prevents us from completely overshadowing the unfortunate discredited government of Westminster in its own market. When Britain develops a constructive statesman like Sir Richard her affairs will be better administered.

In 1870 Michael Davitt was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude for purchasing arms for the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He served eight years. Sir Edward Carson's friends have been buying guns and ammunition for months, and worse than that, even have attempted to undermine the government's control over the army. Yet they have escaped punishment. Davitt of course was a traitor, while Carson, who also proposes a rebellion against the Throne, is a patriot.

The Duke of Bedford has sold his nineteen odd acres of London property for \$50,000,000. This is fair profit on the original cost, which was nothing. Henry VIII, Defender of the Faith, etc., generously gave the land to the Bedford family after taking it from the Roman Catholic church. The Duke is one of the half a dozen peers who own fifteen square miles of London property upon which they pay no ground taxes.

The Reverend Dr. Fraser received a sharp rebuke from Mr. Justice Morrison for airing his views in the pulpit on the miners' cases while they were in progress. He was lucky he did not receive thirty days for contempt of court.

A man in the east was sued for breach of promise by a young lady he abandoned because her name was Junk. If he did not like the name he had it in his power to change it. True enough, the day of chivalry is past.

Last year Lloyd George's "People's Budget" produced between \$26,000,000 and \$27,000,000 and will produce more this year. And yet the big land-owners declare that the budget is a failure.

Mr. Asquith says the British national debt has been decreased by more than \$500,000,000 in the last decade. And Sir Richard McBride sheds tears when he thinks of poor old England struggling on the verge of bankruptcy!

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—First Floor

Hearth Furniture Makes Lasting Presents

HEARTH Furniture is very often a very acceptable gift, and one that is rarely thought of when making your choice. In the stove department on the third floor you will find a splendid assortment of suitable articles to choose from, and all are of the very best quality. So many different styles are to be seen that a full description is out of the question here. Visit the department and look them over for yourself.

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A Christmas Entertainment will be held in the Progressive Thought Temple Wednesday, December 17, at 7.30 p. m. There will be a Christmas tree, dancing and other amusements. Admission: Gentlemen, 50c; ladies, 25c.

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Saanich Ratepayers' Central Association have opened committee rooms at Northern Crown Bank buildings, 1236 Government street. Persons holding agreements of sale are invited to call and register on the voters' list before December 22, next. Phone 1650.

Eagles Take Notice.—The Eagles' Xmas tree, festival and dance will take place at K. of P. hall, North Park street (main hall and banquet room), on Monday, December 22, at 8 p. m. Eagles not having received a card are requested to call at secretary's office for card and particulars.

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Majestic Theatre.—The Love Lute of Romany, is the big two-part feature of the five new playthings offered at the Majestic on to-day's change of programme. It is a dramatic story of the gypsies, with many exciting and thrilling scenes, a splendid cast of excellent backgrounds and climactic events of unusual numbers. The latest issue of "Pathos Weekly" has a number of very interesting items. "Kenton's Hells," an admirable drama, "How the Day Was Saved," is a Biography. "And The Watch Came Back," a comedy offering, complete and excellent programme.

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Variety Theatre.—Have you seen her? Do you know her? Who is she? These are the questions heard all over Victoria to-day. The Mysterious Society Woman in the Black Mask is appearing at this theatre four times each day and is easily one of the biggest attractions ever presented at this or any other theatre in the city. This lady has bewildered the police and public all over the world. The Masked Lady has a wonderful dramatic soprano voice and sings both popular and classical music with an ease and effect that pronounces her as one of the best artists that has ever appeared in Victoria. She can sing in five different languages and is a woman of refinement and culture. In addition to this big attraction there will be the two other acts in vaudeville a complete change of pictures and amateurs. Be sure and get in early so as to get seats. The first performance at night starts sharp at 8.30. A complete change of vaudeville Thursday, ten cents any seat. Tea served free to everyone from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

Missing Since 1909.—The whereabouts are sought of Paul A. von Auburg, who was last heard from by his friends when he was in Calgary in 1909. The aid of the Victoria police has been invoked by Chief Richard Sylvester, head of the police department in Washington, D. C. Von Auburg is a forester and a landscape gardener. It is thought that he may have entered the service of the provincial forestry department, or some of the forest services on the Pacific coast.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 17, 1888.

Alderman J. M. Lefover, M. D., of Vancouver, arrived last evening and is a guest at the Driford house. He returns in the morning.

A young man named Wales shot a large panther at Millstream on Sunday. The animal was eight feet long, and has been committing numerous depredations in the neighborhood. The young sportsman received \$5 bounty from the government.

The office of the E. & N. Railway Company at Nanaimo was broken into last night, and a sum of money stolen.

The second attempt to take the Olympian into dry-dock was made yesterday. To accomplish it the vessel was listed by placing a large quantity of ballasting on one side. The vessel was brought in without an inch of room to spare, and the gate then closed. In addition to having the bottom cleaned, considerable repairs will be made to the machinery and boilers by the Albion Iron Works.

Phoenix Stout, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Consider Indian Reserve.—Premier Borden has written to the secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade, in reply to a telegram of December 11, that the whole question of the Kitaliano and other Indian reserves in British Columbia is shortly to receive the careful consideration of the Dominion cabinet.

Charge of Murder.—George van Horst appeared to-day before Magistrate Alexander in Vancouver at 2.30 at the provincial courthouse to answer a charge of murder, in connection with the disappearance of a Japanese named Owaga. Van Horst will be defended at the preliminary proceedings by Elmer Jones.

Civic Management.—James McEwan, president of the Voters' League, addressed the Brotherhood of the Metropolitan church last evening on civic problems and responsibility. He advocated a commission form of government, rigid control of the liquor traffic, day labor, and a greater Victoria. George Bell presided.

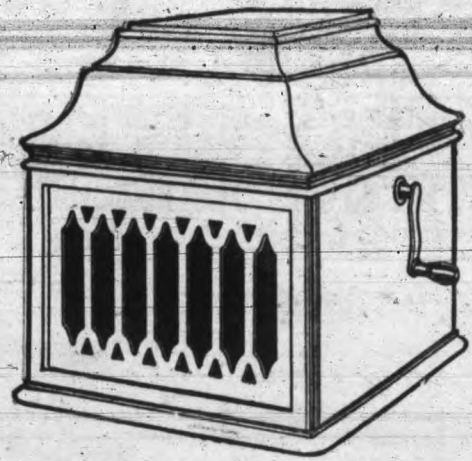
Steel Laid in B. C.—The track-laying gangs of the C. N. P. from Edmonton have crossed the British Columbia boundary steel having been laid some five miles westward up the Yellowhead Pass, 252 miles from Kamloops. North of Kamloops 96 miles of steel is laid leaving only 156 miles as a final link.

New Judge Here.—Judge Schulz, the newly appointed member of the County Court bench in Vancouver, is paying a brief visit to the capital before starting upon his duties in the court. His honor is one of the most eminent members of the British Columbia bar, and is besides highly respected for his literary learning which he used to good advantage when he was for some years literary editor of the Vancouver Province.

Miners' Liberation Meeting.—At the meeting of the executive of the Miners' Liberation League yesterday evening arrangements were completed for the demonstration to-morrow evening at the Victoria theatre, to which Sir Richard McBride, Hon. W. J. Bowser, and the members for the city have been invited, and it is the intention to hear other speakers. A collection will be taken for the funds of the league. Doors will open at 7.30 p. m.

Hunters Lose Their Way.—Another case of hunters losing their way, and of a party separating but one-half of it failing to find the rendezvous, marked the week-end. A party of four from Oak Bay went out to Loon lake and were hunting thereabouts on Monday when they parted company to go around the lake. Mr. Grierson and his son lost their way in the dense underbrush and wandered about until yesterday, when they struck an old trail and made their way home. Their companions had meanwhile become alarmed when they did not turn up in the evening and searchers went out to look for them.

Daughters and Maids of England Benevolent Society.—A new lodge of the above society was inaugurated on Monday evening at the Moose Hall, under the name of the Primrose Lodge No. 22. District Deputy Bro. Haynes assisted by Sister White, president of Lodge Alexandra, and Sister King, installed the following officers: President, Mrs. A. J. Warren; vice-president, Mrs. Wyman; secretary, Mrs. P. James; chaplain, Mrs. F. N. Stafford. The lodge will meet on Monday next at the Moose Hall, when the offices of past president and committee will be elected. The charter will remain open for one month. The new lodge is already assured of a membership of fifty, and intending members can get the necessary information by applying to the secretary at 743 Pembroke Street, or to the president, 916 Collinson Street.



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BOWSERISM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE XI.

By Walter W. Baer

It is but natural curiosity, together with business acumen, perhaps, which asks how do the "speculators" hope to profit or even realize their actual investment on the vast areas of crown lands that have been acquired under the Bowserian syndicate system so extensively practised in British Columbia. The term "Bowserian syndicate system" is used in this connection only to designate the system which has evolved from the adoption of the theory that "we must give the speculator his chance."

Varied as are the details of this system the general plan is uniform, and it consists in the exploitation of the lands for which applications to purchase have been favorably considered and approved by the department. It would appear that these applications to purchase are negotiable papers, that having been validated in the first instance by persons non-resident in the province and without intention of becoming citizens of the country through the signing of powers of attorney, they are, in their turn, equally transferable under power of attorney. It is not necessary for the "agent" who executes the task of staking or locating land and performing the other legal prerequisites to purchase to complete the purchase. He may assign the duty of paying the government to the ultimate purchaser of the lands. He need only make application, depositing the necessary 50 cents per acre, await approval of his application by the department and straightway go abroad seeking whom he may devour. Whether the land is ever occupied or whether it is ever paid for is no longer any business of his. As soon as he has obtained a net profit of \$5 or \$10 per acre for his humble share in the transaction his interest in it ends. He ceases to be a speculator, having "proved" his "chance" and passed the obligations on to other speculators who, in their turn, involve others in the transaction until the final deal is made and those at the tail end of the capricious adventure win or lose.

Notable Example.

There is record of an interesting example of the operations of this "system" in a transaction involving the sale in England of a block of 42,800 acres of land in the Francois Lake section of the Omineca land district. The case is interesting because the attorney-general's firm are the British Columbia solicitors for the British company exploiting the land, and because of the further fact that examination and report upon the land was made by one Robert L. Gale, who was at the time an employee of the government, and who, it is alleged, was "fence" of many of the sections comprising the entire tract. Whether Robert Leake Gale drew a salary as mining recorder or gold commissioner while engaged in staking the land has not been ascertained. The question is of slight moment in view of the subsequent history of the deal.

The transaction is still more interesting because it figured largely as a factor in the period of disturbance incident upon the order-in-council of April 3, 1911, which doubled the price of crown lands and made the new price applicable to all lands upon which application to purchase had not been already approved by the department. The scare incident to the discovery of this fact by the exploiting corporation in London ultimately resulted in the repeal of the retroactive conditions of the order-in-council.

There were sixty-seven persons included among those whose applications to purchase were made the basis of the syndicate. The money necessary to carry out the work of locating and applying for the land was provided mainly by three persons, and it is safe to say that not one person in the entire list of sixty-seven applicants ever had the slightest intention of settling upon the land. Only 50 cents per acre was paid by the original syndicators on account of the land applied for, and the whole block of 42,800 acres was disposed of in London on May 20, 1911, for \$5.75 per acre, the purchasing company agreeing to pay "as part of price about \$20,000 payable to the British Columbia government." A simple calculation will show how this \$20,000 as "part of price" was arrived at.

Speculator's Chance.

Having paid the necessary 50 cents per acre the syndicated applicants

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to accept any reduced acreage the total price will necessarily be reduced."

Much more instructive is the report of Mr. R. L. Gale, who, being locator of the land, was in a position to speak with authority and disinterestedness respecting its quality and value. He says:

"These tracts of land are admirably placed, and are in close proximity to the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, which is now under course of construction. We consider the soil well adapted for general agricultural purposes, being copiously watered, and the climatic conditions are all that could be desired. A considerable portion of the land is practically ready for the plough, and such parts as contain scrub could be inexpensively cleared. The depth of soil we have carefully tested in many places, and have found as much as six feet of rich loam."

"From our extensive experience of land in this province we consider that the bulk of it should realize as much as \$30 an acre within about the next two years."

"It is within our personal knowledge that \$30 an acre has recently been refused for land in an adjacent district, which, in our opinion, is inferior to the land now under option to your company."

Certainly this description is attractive and should induce anyone actually desiring to locate on these lands and bring them under cultivation to select this ideal spot in "The New Garden of Canada" as the location of a future home.

But the object of the purchasing company, any more than that of the original syndicators, was not the settling of the land. The speculator's profit was the pot of gold at the base of the rainbow for the undoubtedly respectable gentleman who invested in the transaction.

This is amply proved by the next paragraph of the prospectus which says:

"On the basis of the above report of Mr. R. L. Gale it will be seen that a very large profit should be made on the sale of this property. Taking, however, as an extremely conservative basis that the land should realize an average price of only \$15 per acre, and that even as long as four years would be required for the realization, there would be sufficient profit, after due allowance for expense, including 10 per cent. on the amount of the sales for commission and advertising, and a sum of \$1,000 per annum for directors' fees and office expenses, to provide dividends on the present issue of capital of over 15 per cent. per annum."

Taking the "extremely conservative" basis of profits calculated by the promoters in their prospectus, the next revolution of the speculative wheel would net a profit of \$8 per acre, or another \$342,400. A total tribute of no less than \$505,900 is levied on the ultimate and bona fide "settler" in the process by which the lands pass from the ownership of the crown to the final owner, who is expected to develop the property and made to believe that, even at the price he has to pay, he will reap a speedy fortune from the culture of this soil.

Should this tract of land sell at the price the Fort Fraser Land Company declare to be its market value, the profit realized by the middlemen reaches the sublime total of \$1,187,900, and this sum, equal to much more than one-tenth the total annual revenue of the province of British Columbia, represents the amount which is to be deducted from the ultimate purchasers of crown lands on a single tract for which the government has received as yet perhaps not more than 50 cents per acre, and in the end will receive no more than \$2.50 per acre, or a total of \$107,000.

And to make sure that no pressure shall be put upon the middlemen to compel them to pay for these lands, the interest on them "payable at 6 per cent. per annum" or the wild land taxes at a fabulously low assessment, the legal firm of which the attorney-general is the head, is made the firm of solicitors in British Columbia to the exploiting corporation. The least that can be said, even if the arrangement is found to be entirely honorable and above board, is that it looks not that way, and most rational people will conclude that good taste and a sense of decency would have prevented the arrangement by the attorney-general's firm.

Two years have elapsed since this arrangement was entered into. The lands in the Fort Fraser section of the province are being widely advertised at the present time. It is possible—who can tell or who can dispute—that the obligations of the exploiting company to the provincial government have been liquidated. So much the better if they have, but what of the business acumen or ordinary business capability of a government which permits middlemen to step in and wrest more than a million dollars from the people expected to purchase, settle upon and develop these lands? If it is possible or desirable that land should be disposed of on the one hand and acquired on the other hand at a price ranging from \$15 to \$30 per acre, as the prospectus shows will be done, why should not the government of the province, the treasury of the province, and particularly the taxpayers of the province, share in this enormous booty?

When it is considered that this section of land is but one of some 200 sections of various sizes, averaging 15,000 acres in each block, from which the "speculator" anticipates the realization of an equally phenomenal profit, the figures of the process of spoliation under the Bowserian system are staggering in the extreme.

A HOLE IN NONE.

The satisfaction of doing a hole in one is sometimes dearly bought, says the London Daily Express. A competitor in a bogey competition at a well-known London club a week or two ago holed out with his tee shot at a short hole, where he was also receiving a stroke from "bogey." He claimed that he had done the hole in none, and celebrated the event by entertaining his friends to dinner in the club-house. It is estimated that the festivities cost him between £7 and £8.

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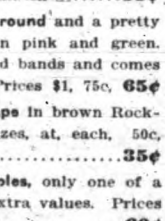
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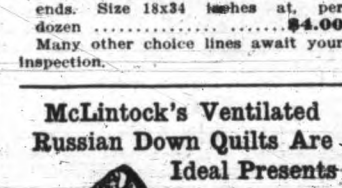
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SPORTING NEWS

CANADIAN CLUBS WILL ASK
FOR FULL SCHEDULE OF GAMESBob Brown Will Back Up Vic-
toria at the Northwestern
League Meeting

Determined to resist the demands of the Seattle and Tacoma clubs for more games, Vancouver and Victoria baseball magnates will leave for Portland on Friday, and they will vote as a unit on all schedule matters. Bob Brown, manager and owner of the Vancouver baseball club, will come over to Victoria on Friday morning and that afternoon, he and President Wattleit, of the local team, will take their departure for the South. It is well known that Victoria will again ask for twelve weeks of baseball, with the privilege of transferring a week or so should they see their way clear to do so. Vancouver has always been a stronghold of the Northwestern League and Manager Brown will have a few things to say as to the choice dates in the 1914 schedule.

It is just possible that the Bees will make a couple of other trades at the Northwestern League annual, next week. President Wattleit states that he is in the market for players and is willing to make any deals that will tend to strengthen the local team. Tacoma is anxious for a local infielder, but they will have to come across with something pretty nice to get either Lamb or Brooks. Delmas, of course, is not for sale at any price, though he was easily the best short fielder in the league last season. The Bees have two young first basemen signed up

who will be given trials, and with Bob Brown about to turn McCarl loose since he has practically secured Charlie Mullen for the initial bag, the former Frisco youth may be seen with the Bees.

Secretary McConnell leaves on Thursday for a three months tour of California, together with his wife and family. Mr. McConnell will confer with Manager Delmas while in the south and he expects to look over some of the Victoria prospects while in the Sunny State.

Tacoma, Dec. 17.—Nine new Tiger recruits have been signed by President McGinnity for next season's baseball squad, with a tenth man in sight. And now the "iron man" says he has signed about all the youngsters he cares to try out next season, and will need to look about for an infielder only, a shortstop.

Montreal club has secured catcher "Runt" Walsh and pitcher Imlay from the Philadelphia Nationals by outright purchase. Imlay is a spit-ball pitcher from University of Pennsylvania. Walsh has caught for the Phillies for five seasons.

In the deal whereby catcher Burns of Montreal goes to the Phillies the Royals secure outfielder Duncan, a Texas League star, and Dr. Roy Miller, a former University of Washington player, who was used as a pinch hitter by Philadelphia last season. Miller led the National League batters in 1910 while with Boston. He has informed friends in Toronto that he will not report to Montreal under any conditions.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

The time set for to-night's meeting of the Victoria and District Soccer Union is 7.30 instead of 8 o'clock.

Blackburn Rovers continue to lead the English league. Aston Villa are away down in the list.

Frank Mantell and Billy Weeks will likely meet for the middleweight championship, at Stevenson, on New Year's Day.

Los Angeles fans want nothing more to do with Frank Barrieau. They accuse the Vancouver mixer of quitting to Anderson.

Victoria Wests footballers who were injured the latter part of the season will be in good shape for the opening game of the Island League.

A large crowd is expected to witness the musical drive in the horse show building at the exhibition grounds to-night at 8 o'clock. Admission is free.

Willie Reid has scored 16 goals since joining Rangers in 1909-10.

No. 10, the government investigation of the Tin Can Trust is in no way connected with the can which was appended to Joe Tinker-Geo. E. Chair.

A war with the Feds will mean that a lot of money will be spent, and all know how the average magnate loves to spend money.

Roy Offutt, who is looking at Juarez, is credited with a \$30,000 winning on the Canadian circuit last summer.

Travery is announced to stand at the Southcourt Road, Leighton Buzzard, at a fee of \$2,000.

Waterfall, of West Bromwich Albion, is an American by birth.

Sunderland have been granted more penalty kicks than any other team in the English league.

Aston Villa and Manchester City have agreed to pool their gates this season.

Udley, late of Barnsley, has a five-year contract with his new club, Sheffield United.

McAulay, of Huddersfield, and an Irish international and ex-Ranger to boot, has been transferred to Preston North End.

A six-day bike race reminds one of that ancient ballad: "A mother was chasing her boy round the room," etc.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Vancouver Team Will Make Strong Bid for Title.

With a quartette of the finest hockey players in the world and a grand all round aggregation, the "Terminals" will make a mighty stumbling block to the Westminster and Victoria hockey septettes this winter. Of course last night's score was not the difference in the strength of the Victoria and Vancouver clubs, but the ability of the Mainlanders to score almost a dozen goals upon such a brilliant net guardian as Lindsay, shows that they have wonderful offensive powers. Victoria was not playing real hockey last night, the boys having been caught off their stride. Vancouver impressed the fans as a team which combines terrific skating powers with speed and team play. They have every bit as much speed as the Westminster team, but there is less individual work than that which the Royals display. There is no doubt but that Victoria will have to improve on last night's showing if they are to hold the P. C. H. A. title, as the teams taken all round look twenty-five per cent. stronger than last season.

Racing Season Unsatisfactory.

The English horse-racing season which came to an end the other day is described by a correspondent of the Yorkshire Post as "the most unsatisfactory in the memory of living man. We have had seasons in which there have been big scandals; it is impossible altogether to avoid them in any pursuit which embraces such a multitude of followers. The past season has not been conspicuous in this respect, and at any rate shows a great improvement over the third quarter of the nineteenth century, but this is about the only agreeable feature of it," he continues. "There are always good and bad years of racing, and sometimes it appears that they run in cycles. It has become customary to judge our race-horses as a whole from the three-year-olds, and the three-year-olds of last season were unparagonably bad. Not a single favorite won a classic race, and, on the whole, the form has been very inconsistent."

OLD-TIME BOXERS
REAL ATHLETES

The six and ten-round boxing bouts of to-day would have been greeted with a merry haw-haw by the old-time gladiators of the ring, who considered that a half-hour or so of fighting was necessary to get really warmed up. One of the most famous of the iron men of the last century was the English boxer, Mike Madden, who took part in a number of epics—that went over a hundred rounds. On Dec. 12, 1849, just sixty-five years ago to-day, Mike whipped Jack Grant in a bout of 140 rounds, lasting five hours and forty-five minutes. The following July Madden and Bill Hayes scuffled for six hours and three minutes. The latter was the longest bare knuckle fight ever held, with the possible exception of a bout between minor pugilists in Australia. The pugilistic record for number of rounds was made in 1825, at Cheshire, England, when Jack Jones whipped Patsy Toney in 216 rounds. Tom Spring, who held the championship in the early part of the last century, was another "iron man" of the ring. He defended his title in several long and sensational battles, that with Jack Langdon,

the Irish champion, lasting two hours and a half. Mike Donovan, who fought his way up to the middleweight championship and is still engaged in the big game as a boxing instructor, began his pugilistic career nearly half a century ago by fighting Bill Crowley at St. Louis for ninety-six rounds in three hours and a quarter, losing on a foul. He took part in many other long bouts, and it makes him laugh when present-day ring affairs are referred to as "rights." John L. Sullivan's seventy-five round battle with Jake Kilrain in Mississippi is still remembered by all the older fans. Even among the little fellows there were many long battles. Ike Weir, the Irish featherweight, and Frank Murphy, the English feather champion, fought eighty rounds to a draw. Weir also fought eighty rounds with the same result, with Johnny Hartin, a Boston featherweight, the affair being pulled off in the woods in Rhode Island and at night. The Bowen-Burke 119-round draw, lasting seven hours and nineteen minutes, which was pulled off in New Orleans twenty years ago, is likely to hold its place in the records for all time as the longest bout in ring annals.

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Neckwear in the new Scots tartans \$1.50 at
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Shirts, Manhattan and Gotham, negligee styles, smart stripes on a white ground. A special showing of \$2.25 values for \$1.50

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THOMAS BENEFIT
IS NOW PROPOSED

Wards May Meet All-Star
City League Se-
lection

At to-night's meeting of the football association in Earl Lorne's billiard room, arrangements for a benefit game will be discussed. An exhibition match between the Wards and an all-star eleven should draw well. The funds will go to Sid Thomas, the popular North Ward player, who had his leg broken in last Saturday's game with James Bay. Thomas is one of the best known players in the city and soccer enthusiasts would readily donate something for the unfortunate player.

Another exhibition which would draw is an international contest between Scotch and English teams, while a Native Sons-Old Country game is always well attended. Thomas was a member of the Victoria professional team and was well liked by the fans for his sportsmanlike manner on the football field. It is doubtful if he will ever participate in a soccer game again.

Several other important business items will be discussed. The most noted being the proposal of a seven team league, bringing in Nanaimo, Duncan, Ladysmith, Chemainus, Northfield or any other upper island town. A meeting of the Island League will be held on Friday night.

The draw for the English football cup should read Preston North End vs. Bristol Rovers instead of Preston North End vs. Brighton and Hove Albions and Oldham Athletic vs. Brighton, and Clapton Orient vs. Notts Forest.

The F. A. have received plenty of applications for the privilege and profit of, housing the final tie. The negotiations with the Crystal Palace are not yet broken off, but unless one side or other makes concessions there is little probability of the match being played at Sydenham next week. Among the offers received by the association are Exeter, Chelsea, Blackburn Rovers, Aston Villa, Leeds, Sheffield United, and Manchester United. None of these grounds can hold 120,000 spectators; the accommodation aimed at—but if the tie is played outside London the attendance will fall short of six figures. Meantime, falling the Palace, Stamford Bridge finds most favor.

Sheffield United have transferred Robert Benson, their back, to Woolwich Arsenal, at a fee which is said to be "quite reasonable." Benson had been with the United for seven seasons, having previously played with Southampton. He took part in the

South African tour two years ago, and was "capped" against Ireland last season.
Glasgow, Dec. 17.—In the draw for the Scottish Cup St. Mirren plays Caledonians and Falkirk plays Queen's Park in the first round Saturday, January 24.

ANDERSON GETS
ANOTHER MATCH

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—"Paddy" McFarland was suspended by the Wisconsin Boxing Commission for one year from taking part in any boxing contests in this state because of his failure to give a satisfactory "performance" in the bout with Jack Britton in Milwaukee on December 8. On that occasion the largest crowd that ever attended a local boxing tournament turned out and voiced disapproval of McFarland's work by jeers and cat-calls.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Leach Cross, of New York, and "Bud" Anderson, of Medford, Ore., lightweights, have signed articles for a 20-round bout on New Year's Day at the Vernon Arena. The fighters, according to the agreement, are to make 135 pounds two hours before the contest.

Willie Ritchie and Harley Tommy Murphy have been re-matched to box for the lightweight championship of the world on January 23, at San Francisco, on the same terms as those agreed to for the bout cancelled December 10. The weight is to be 135 pounds one hour before the bout.

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One of the biggest crowds that ever viewed a hockey match in Victoria is expected when the Vancouver septette make their initial league appearance this season at the Willows Arena. The Maroon seven chased Victoria into overtime in their exhibition game at the Arena several weeks ago, and judging from last night's game, they will prove a tough morsel for the champions.

Instead of a reorganization of the disbanded Maritime Hockey League, eastern officials are now planning the formation of a new league, which will include the Crescents and Socials, who

Aggressive Vancouver wing player, who scored four goals against the Coast Champions in last night's game at the Terminal City.



FRED HARRIS

CHAMPIONS MUST
SHAKE THE JINX

Manager Patrick Will Inject
"Pep" by Harder
Practices

As a result of last night's disastrous defeat at the hands of the Vancouver septette, Manager Lester Patrick will handle his ice dogs without gloves from now on. With the team showing the form that it did against the Westminster Club, he felt confident that the boys could go ahead and repeat their victorious march through the P. C. H. A. schedule as they did a year ago. Something went astray last night, however, and the local leader is determined to catch the stumbling champions and bring them to the top again.

The team failed to show anything last night, and hereafter combination will be the keynote of all workouts. Manager Patrick will be unable to get into the game again for at least a month, and he realizes that it is up to the present squad to hold the Victoria club in the race.

Frank Patrick stated last night that unless his team broke completely and were eliminated from the championship race, which is not likely for some time, judging from their performance last night, he will continue as point for the Terminals. It is doubtful if any hockey septette ever gathered together could show as much speed as that Vancouver team, the entire aggregation being gifted with winged skates. Patrick, Griffiths, Fittie and Taylor, in centre ice, are a grand quartette of puck carriers, all of them goal getters, and the entire four big and husky.

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One of the biggest crowds that ever viewed a hockey match in Victoria is expected when the Vancouver septette make their initial league appearance this season at the Willows Arena. The Maroon seven chased Victoria into overtime in their exhibition game at the Arena several weeks ago, and judging from last night's game, they will prove a tough morsel for the champions.

Instead of a reorganization of the disbanded Maritime Hockey League, eastern officials are now planning the formation of a new league, which will include the Crescents and Socials, who

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have withdrawn from the Maritime League, and two new clubs representing Sydney and New Glasgow. The new league will be under entirely new management.

President Emmet Quinn has been notified of the new move in voluminous correspondence received to-day from Halifax. The Socials have written that they have come to the decision not to play in the Maritime League, should it be reorganized, and the Crescents will act similarly.

James McNaughton, of Calumet, Mich., has offered a \$3,000 cup for the hockey championship of America.

A SAD STORY

The line-up:
Vancouver. Position. Victoria.
Farr goal Lindsay
Patrick point Gengay
Griffiths cover point Small
Fittie rover Poulin
Harris right wing Kerr
Taylor centre Dunderrale
Nighbor left wing Ritchie
Officials—Referee, Hugh Lehman; Judge of play, Ran McDonald; time-keepers, Pete Kearley (Vancouver), G. Dewar (Victoria); penalty time-keeper, Chas. Young; goal umpire, Fred Ion (Vancouver), G. Holland (Victoria).
Summary.
First period—1, Vancouver, Harris, 6.90; 2, Vancouver, Taylor, 1.00; 3, Vancouver, Harris, 3.37; 4, Vancouver, Harris, 5.50; 5, Victoria, Dunderrale, 1.33; 6, Vancouver, Fittie, 2.30.
Second period—1, Vancouver, Taylor, 2.05; 2, Vancouver, Patrick, 12.05; 3, Victoria, Dunderrale, 1.68.
Third period—10, Vancouver, Harris, 1.24; 11, Vancouver, Nighbor, 7.31; 12, Victoria, Small, 36; 13, Vancouver, Taylor, 2.17; 14, Vancouver, Fittie, 18.
Penalties.
First period—None.
Second period—Poulin, 3 minutes; Griffiths, 2 minutes; Kerr, 3 minutes; Harris, 3 minutes; Poulin, 3 minutes; Taylor, 3 minutes; Kerr, 3 minutes; Poulin, 3 minutes; Patrick, 3 minutes.

President

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SPORTING NEWS

(CONTINUED)

TERMINALS WIN IN EASY STYLE

VICTORIA TEAM SHOW POOR FORM

Vancouver Septette Have Wonderful Scoring Team; Lindsay's Work Featured Last Night's Game

(By a Staff Reporter.)

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Utterly unable to cope with the cyclonic rushes of the Vancouver forwards, Victoria's hockey champions went down to the worst beating in many months at the Terminal City last night, when the home team emerged victorious in a loosely-played game of hockey, the final score being 11 to 3. At no time was the Victoria team dangerous, and the Millionaires won pretty much as they pleased. It was a brilliant come-back for the latter club, after their defeat at the hands of the Royals, while it was little less than a rout for the Senators. They appeared stark and dead, none of the dash and spirit that characterized their matches against Westminster, the sole redeeming feature in the performance of the Islanders being the performance of Bert Lindsay in the nets.

Winners at Top Speed.

Vancouver skated out the strongest team that has ever represented the Terminal City in the P. C. H. A. Didier Pitrie, the far-famed Canadian speed artist, made his debut at rover, and he fitted in very nicely with the remainder of the Vancouver team. The Millionaires, playing as they did last night, would have beaten any team in the Dominion. Their combination and team work was well-nigh faultless, while they simply checked the Victoria forwards off their feet. The Terminal forwards appeared tireless, their hook checks and clever intercepting of passes breaking up rush after rush of the Victoria line. The game was replete with brilliant zig-zag rushes of the Vancouver forwards, and they snapped up every chance that presented itself. It was a case of a team at its best meeting a badly disorganized squad of champions, and the latter never struck their stride.

Champions Disorganized.

Had Lester Patrick been back in the game to steady his defence the story might have been different. The fact remains, however, that the Islanders received a trimming, and five thousand wildly cheering Vancouverites gloried in the downfall of the title-holders. True, the Terminals secured all the

breaks of the game, but that is always the luck of a winner, and the manner in which they banged through goals was particularly pleasing to the home fans. In speed alone, Vancouver had Victoria lashed a dozen ways, and even in team work, supposed to be the trump card of the champions, the Terminals outclassed Victoria's every effort. The champions did not check back with their usual "pop" and their shooting was also poor. Kerr lost a couple of goals because of the whistles for off-sides after he had netted the puck, but the entire line missed chances that looked good for a goal.

Defence Was Wobbly.

Three goals will never win many hockey games, but the chief trouble with the Victoria club last night was that the defence was too easily drawn out, and failed to give Lindsay any sort of protection. The latter dazzled the Terminals fans with his remarkable stops, and four of the Vancouver goals were scored on rebound shots, after the Victoria goal-tend had blocked the first shot. Didier Pitrie whipped in a couple that went through the entire defence, but Lindsay's work saved a record score being rolled up. Skinner Pouch had a tough night, drawing down three penalties for rough work, while Bobby Rowe was unable to get started. Dundardale and Kerr shone in spots, but neither approached his top form. Walter Small and Bob Genge worked hard, but they failed to pull together and were slow in getting away with the puck. Ulrich was given a chance in the second period, Rowe resting for a few minutes.

Terminals Very Strong.

Frank Neighbors and Fred Taylor were the chief trouble-makers for the champions. Taylor scored three goals and had a couple of assists, while Neighbors' puck-carrying and checking back was an immense source of strength to the Terminals. Fred Harris banged in four goals and was stepping at top speed throughout, Frank Patrick also showing some of his 1912 form, when he was easily the best in the league. Pitrie's acquisition gives the Vancouver team a rover who can shoot like a fend, and who is also very speedy. Parr and Griffin rounded out a very effective defence. This team as it now stands will take a lot of beating, especially when Pitrie gets into real condition.

Hugh Lehman and Renny MacDonaid, of Westminster, handled the game, a number of penalties being handed out.

GOLF FINAL AT OAK BAY TO-DAY

Miss Pooley Favorite for Flumerfelt Cup and Championship

A new lady champion will be crowned this afternoon at the Oak Bay links when Miss Violet Pooley and Mrs. Ricardo play off for the Flumerfelt cup and the championship of British Columbia. The match started this afternoon shortly after lunch and Miss Pooley was a strong favorite for the honors. The excellent record that this player achieved in the big eastern tournaments has proved a grand training for the local star and she has shown greatly improved golf during her play in the present series for the coast honors.

Miss Nora Combe gave Miss Pooley an exciting match yesterday in the semi-final, Miss Pooley had a big lead on the home stretch when Miss Combe began to show superior golf. The latter won the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth holes, but lost to Miss Pooley at the seventeenth, this deciding the match. Mrs. Ricardo had no difficulty in winning from Miss Dunsmuir, the latter giving up when Mrs. Ricardo was five strokes to the good with five holes yet to be played.

Palm for McDermott.

Both Ray and Vardon were besieged upon their return to England for expressions of opinion regarding golf and golfers in America. A synopsis of their replies would indicate that the famous English professionals believe J. J. McDermott the best of the professionals in this country with "Chick" Evans holding a similar position among the amateurs. The best courses, they said, were located at Cleveland and Detroit. It was their opinion that American golfers were too prone to use irons off the tees, due in part to the absence of real bunkers and rough going on the American courses. According to Ray there is a strong probability that a team of English professionals will tour the world in 1915, playing in America, Australia and Africa.

BILLIARD MATCH ON CARDS TO-NIGHT

The undefeated Richardson team will meet Randall's team to-night in Randall's pool room. The match is 20 points up, when these teams clashed recently Richardson's five took all six games. A keenly-contested match is looked for and Randall's expect to reverse the score in their own rooms. The teams are: Richardson's—Murray, Marshall, Jones, Freeman and Dodgson. Randall's—Whyte, Irish, Ralston, McDonald and Eckert.

LEAGUE ANNUAL BOOKED NEXT WEEK

Fielder Jones has written the local club officials notifying them that the annual meeting of the Coast League will be held at Portland on Dec. 21. President Wattelst will leave on Friday for the Rose City.

TO GO ON STAGE



GEORGE CARPENTIER.
London, Dec. 17.—The management of the London Palladium offered Georges Carpentier, the French pugilist, \$2,500 for a week's engagement at that house. His manager accepted, but Carpentier broke his contract and goes instead to the Folies Bergeres, in Paris, where he is to receive \$5,000 for the week's engagement. The manager of the Palladium has attempted to fill in the gap by securing Bombardier Wells to appear instead of the champion.

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SOUTHERN TEAMS

ABANDON TRIP

Hines, of Bays, May Get Trial on "Rep" Fifteen

It is hardly likely that there will be any holiday rugby games in the capital, nothing further having been heard of the University of Nevada tour, while the Stanford fifths have definitely decided not to come north. The Vancouver Union, which has been communicating with the southern teams, still has the matter under consideration, but the games will likely be abandoned. Should this be decided upon by the Mainland authorities, the Victoria Union will not go further into the matter.

Captain Gordon Heinekey, of the Victoria representative fifteen, has made a strong plea for the players to turn out at practice. The local pilot was not very well pleased with the performance of the Victoria squad against Nanaimo on Saturday, and is determined that the men shall make a better showing when they next take the field. He suggests at least one workout on the Wednesday previous to the McKechie cup fixture, in order to allow the men to get some work together.

Hines, the big centre forward of the James Bay soccer team, has been suggested as a possible three-quarter for the local "rep" team. Hines is very fast and is said to be a grand ball carrier. He would fit in very well with Carey Martin, D. M. Grant and Hill, and if he can live up to his records ought to give Victoria a grand three-quarter line for future matches.

The Wanderers Rugby Football Club has selected the following team to play the James Hays at Oak Bay on Saturday: Full-back, H. A. Spencer; three-quarters, D. M. Grant, H. G. Humphreys, V. R. Bennett, A. F. Hudson; half-backs, G. C. Grant and A. Yates; forwards, W. J. Baum, G. Carstairs, J. B. Acland, J. M. Clarke, W. F. Patterson, J. Willis, A. L. Chalk and K. F. R. Dennison; reserves, Collinson, Columbine and Wise.

Fifth Regiment Rugby Club will hold a meeting at the drill hall, men's room, at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening to discuss important business. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

A meeting of the Victoria Welsh Rugby Club will be held in the parlor of the Victoria hotel at 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend.

HANDBALL LEAGUE IS NOW PROPOSED

Efforts are being made by members of the James Bay Athletic Association to organize a handball league in the city. It is proposed that teams enter from the James Bay, Victoria West, Victoria A. A. and Y. M. C. A. The matches to be played at the James Bay gymnasium. Splendid success is attending the club league which is now in progress at the J. B. A. A. and handball have been placed upon the veteran players in order to give everybody a chance.

PREMIER BRITISH LEAGUE STANDINGS

| First Division. | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|------|
| | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
| Blackburn Rovers | 10 | 2 | 4 | 24 |
| Manchester United | 10 | 4 | 2 | 22 |
| Sunderland | 8 | 3 | 5 | 21 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 8 | 4 | 2 | 20 |
| West Bromwich Albion | 7 | 2 | 6 | 20 |
| Oldham Athletic | 6 | 3 | 7 | 19 |
| Tottenham Hotspurs | 7 | 4 | 3 | 18 |
| Bradford City | 5 | 4 | 7 | 17 |
| Burnley | 6 | 6 | 6 | 11 |
| Sheffield United | 7 | 8 | 2 | 16 |
| Aston Villa | 5 | 8 | 3 | 16 |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 7 | 9 | 1 | 15 |
| Newcastle United | 6 | 7 | 3 | 15 |
| Derby County | 4 | 7 | 6 | 14 |
| Nottingham Forest | 4 | 6 | 4 | 14 |
| Leeds City | 5 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| Middlesbrough | 4 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Chelsea | 5 | 9 | 2 | 12 |
| Manchester City | 3 | 8 | 5 | 11 |
| Preston North End | 3 | 11 | 3 | 9 |

| Second Division. | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|------|
| | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
| Notts County | 10 | 4 | 4 | 24 |
| Hull City | 12 | 4 | 0 | 24 |
| Woolwich Arsenal | 8 | 4 | 2 | 20 |
| Leeds City | 9 | 4 | 2 | 20 |
| Wolverhampton W. | 7 | 6 | 4 | 18 |
| Fullham | 7 | 5 | 4 | 18 |
| Clapton Orient | 6 | 3 | 5 | 17 |
| Bury | 6 | 4 | 5 | 17 |
| Barnsley | 6 | 4 | 5 | 17 |
| Bristol City | 6 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Leicester Fosse | 7 | 9 | 1 | 15 |
| Birmingham | 6 | 7 | 3 | 14 |
| Grimsby Town | 6 | 7 | 3 | 14 |
| Stockport | 4 | 6 | 5 | 13 |
| Huddersfield Town | 3 | 7 | 5 | 11 |
| Glossop | 4 | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Lincoln City | 11 | 3 | 0 | 22 |
| Blackpool | 1 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Notts Forest | 2 | 13 | 2 | 6 |

| Southern League. | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|------|
| | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
| Swindon | 12 | 1 | 2 | 26 |
| Crystal Palace | 8 | 3 | 5 | 21 |
| Brighton and Hove | 8 | 4 | 5 | 21 |
| Reading | 9 | 5 | 2 | 20 |
| Plymouth Argyle | 6 | 4 | 2 | 18 |
| Northampton | 6 | 4 | 7 | 19 |
| Portsmouth | 6 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| Southend United | 6 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| West Ham United | 6 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| Coventry City | 5 | 7 | 6 | 16 |
| Queen's Park Rangers | 5 | 6 | 5 | 16 |
| Exeter City | 5 | 6 | 5 | 16 |
| Southampton | 5 | 7 | 4 | 14 |
| Gillingham | 6 | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Norwich City | 3 | 6 | 7 | 12 |
| Merthyr Town | 4 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| Watford | 4 | 9 | 4 | 12 |
| Bristol Rovers | 4 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Millwall Athletic | 3 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Cardiff City | 4 | 8 | 3 | 11 |

| Scottish League. | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|------|
| | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
| Celtic | 16 | 2 | 1 | 33 |
| Hearts | 13 | 1 | 2 | 28 |
| Rangers | 14 | 4 | 1 | 29 |
| Morton | 12 | 4 | 1 | 26 |
| Falkirk | 9 | 5 | 6 | 24 |
| Aberdonians | 9 | 4 | 6 | 24 |
| Dundee | 11 | 5 | 1 | 23 |
| Clyde | 6 | 5 | 6 | 18 |
| Hibernians | 7 | 9 | 3 | 17 |
| Ayr United | 7 | 9 | 2 | 16 |
| Third Lanark | 6 | 9 | 3 | 15 |
| Ruthie Rovers | 6 | 10 | 3 | 15 |
| St. Mirren | 6 | 10 | 2 | 14 |
| Dumbarton | 5 | 7 | 4 | 14 |
| Queen's Park | 4 | 9 | 5 | 12 |
| Partick Thistle | 4 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| Motherwell | 5 | 11 | 2 | 12 |
| Hamilton Academicals | 3 | 11 | 4 | 10 |
| Kilmarnock | 3 | 11 | 4 | 10 |
| Aberdeen | 2 | 12 | 5 | 9 |

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VICTORIA WESTS TO IMPROVE CLUB HOUSE

Members of the Victoria West Athletic Association will be pleased to learn that this body is going to take a new lease of life and work has been started on fixing up the club house on Catherine street. Arrangements are now being made to have the floor put in shape, while the dressing rooms will be fitted up, and an athletic schedule for the winter will be drawn up immediately. The following officers of the club were elected at Monday night's meeting: Hon. president, J. R. Saunders; vice-presidents, F. Popham, G. A. O'Neil, M. Harby, B. Boggs; president, J. F. Tait; vice-president, Dr. N. Tait; secretary, H. Vickson; treasurer, W. Duncan; executive, E. Wilson, G. Hudson, R. Whyte, S. O'Neil and E. Stock.

DRESS SUIT TRAGEDY.

Recently, writes "L. F. J." in the Glasgow News, I had an experience which would be very hard to beat. A man who works in the same office asked for the loan of my dress suit for a wedding which was to take place in the evening. He was a slightly smaller man, and I expressed doubts as to my glad rags fitting him very well. "Oh," he replied, "I'll soon make that all right."

The wedding passed off with great eclat, he told me and duly the suit was returned in perfect condition. The other night I had occasion to don my dress suit, and I was looking forward with lively anticipation to attending a most important social function.

When I was struggling into the clothes I found the effort greater than usual. On investigation I found that my good friend had taken the suit to a tailor and got it made down to fit him.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

(All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.)

Howard Fry, of Duncan, is at the Empress hotel.

F. Jardine, of Revelstoke, is at the James Bay hotel.

Mr. E. Jacobs has returned from a trip to the interior.

W. J. Young, of Seattle, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

F. L. Tait, of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

A. Raynes, of Salt Spring Island, is staying at the Dominion.

Andrew Lockhart, of Calgary, is staying at the Dominion.

Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

S. Emerson, of Edmonton, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

A. Arthur Cox, the Vancouver architect, is at the Empress hotel.

W. J. Smith, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel.

J. Stewart-Moore, of Duncan, is staying at the Empress hotel.

Mr. Pears, of North Vancouver, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

E. C. Elmer, of Vancouver, is registered at the James Bay hotel.

S. E. Kent, of Calgary, is in the city. He is registered at the Dominion.

Miss A. Hannan, of Saturna Island, is staying at the James Bay hotel.

J. Crane, of Portland, is among yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

W. B. Beebe registered at the Empress hotel this morning from Portland.

Mrs. T. M. Jackson, of South Salt Spring Island, is at the James Bay hotel.

H. H. Wigley, of Winalow, England, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bockhold, of Port Angeles, are staying at the Dominion.

F. Martin, of Edmonton, registered for himself, wife and son at the James Bay hotel.

F. W. Eppinger and Mrs. Eppinger, of Baker, Ore., are guests at the Empress hotel.

Mr. Smith Curtis spent yesterday in the city, returning by the night boat to Vancouver.

James L. Broadfoot, of Vancouver, is among this morning's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

J. Chislen arrived in the city this morning from Duncan. He is registered at the Dominion.

George W. Green, of Lethbridge, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday with Mrs. Green.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, manager of The Nanaimo Herald, spent yesterday in the city on business.

G. K. Marshall, a well-known Vancouver business man, registered at the Empress hotel this morning.

J. Christensen arrived in the city this morning from Prince Rupert and is registered at the Empress hotel.

R. R. Gardner, a prominent business man from Portland, is staying at the Empress hotel during his visit in the city.

R. Hamilton Earle came over from the mainland last night and registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

R. Wood, accompanied by his wife, arrived in the city last night from Port Alberni. They are staying at the Dominion.

Miss Mary Mason, of 1652 Amphion street, will receive to-morrow, but not again till the second and third Thursday in February.

Mrs. Robert Duffy Barr, of Los Angeles, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hillis R. Houston, 21 Patrick street, and will remain over the week-end.

Mrs. Boulton left this morning for Seattle, en route for the Lower Kootenays, where she will spend the holiday season with her daughter.

William Short, mayor of Edmonton last year and senior partner in the law firm to which Attorney-General Cross belongs, arrived in the capital.

AILING WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Mrs. Doucette Tells of her Distressing Symptoms During Change of Life and How She Found Relief.

Belleville, Nova Scotia, Can.—"Three years ago I was suffering badly with what the doctors called Change of Life. I was so bad that I had to stay in bed. Some friends told me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it helped me from the first. It is the only medicine I took that did help me and I recommend it. You don't know how thankful and grateful I am. I give you permission to publish what your good medicine has done for me."—Mrs. SIMON DOUCETTE, Belleville, Yarmouth Co., Nova Scotia, Canada.

Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dread of impending evil, timidity, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and inquietude, and dizziness, are promptly headed by intelligent women who are approaching the period in life when woman's great change may be expected.

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this morning and registered at the Empress hotel.

G. H. Rawlins, manager of the Banff Springs Hotel, is staying at the Empress Hotel for a few days with Mrs. Rawlins.

Dr. F. F. Westbrook, president of the University of British Columbia, came over from the mainland last night to address the Victoria Canadian Club to-day. He is registered at the Empress hotel.

Sir Edward Stewart-Richardson, 15th baronet of his line, and husband of Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson, the noted dancer now touring America, registered at the Empress yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Mike King, who came down from Shawigan, Lake early in the week, left to-day for California, where she will visit for the next three months with her son and daughter, who are at school there.

SCRAP BOOK.

Atlantic Ports Were Lively in Days of the Privateers

The privateer, like the pirate ship, has vanished from the seas. Modern nations have decreed that privateering, the right given to private individuals to fit out vessels in time of war and seize and plunder the ships of the enemy, is but a species of piracy and not to be tolerated by civilized peoples. It was not so a century ago, when American and British privateers roamed the Atlantic and often returned to port with rich prizes that made even the humblest members of the crew comparatively rich. Halifax was the principal port for fitting out British privateers and for the disposal of prizes. The Halifax Chronicle of a century ago to-day, December 17, 1813, contained a notice of the distribution of prize money realized from the sale of twenty-five American ships and cargoes, among them the Chesapeake, which had been captured by the Shannon after a memorable battle a few months before. Salt, coal, wine, rum, cotton, earthenware, sugar and molasses were among the merchandise taken from the captured American ships. Among the twenty-five vessels were several American privateers, whose crews were made prisoners.

The American privateers were much more numerous than those flying the British flag. There were about 250 in all, and of these 184 hailed from the four ports of Baltimore, New York, Salem and Boston. Portsmouth, N. H., Philadelphia and Charleston, S. C., also fitted out a number of privateers. The "Baltimore clippers" were the fastest and most successful of the American privateers. They were schooners with raking masts, quite piratical in appearance, and usually carried from six to ten guns, with a single long gun, called "Long Tom," mounted on a swivel in the centre. The average privateer crew was composed of about fifty men, besides officers, and they held commissions or letters-of-marque authorizing them to "burn, sink, and destroy the property of the enemy, either on the high seas or in his ports." During the war between Great Britain and the United States, from 1812 to 1814, the American privateers captured over 1,500 British merchantmen, while the British privateers captured about a third that number of American vessels. Of the prize money, one half went to the government and the other half was distributed among officers and crew, according to rank.

Halifax, Baltimore, Salem, Boston and other privateer ports were lively places in those days, and the merchants shared in the profits of the privateering trade. In many instances the privateer commanders found it difficult to get crews, and the papers abounded in advertisements address-

ed to young men and appealing both to their cupidity and their desire for adventure. The Halifax papers of 1813 abounded in such appeals as this:

"All tight lads who are willing to serve His Majesty in a fast-sailing, excellent sea-boat, now fitting out for a short cruise to protect the trade of the British provinces and pick up a few straggling American Bordeauxmen will meet with an honest, hearty welcome from a sailor's friend." Another advertiser asked for "a few jolly spirited fellows," "who may all fairly expect to dash in coaches on their return, as well as other folk."

In 1856 the European nations abolished privateering, and in 1871 the United States concurred in the abolition of the practice.

DANCER'S HUSBAND HERE

Sir Edward Stewart-Richardson Compelled to Return to Mainland in Search of Lost Baggage.

Sir Edward Stewart-Richardson, husband of Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson, the baronet dancer who is now touring America doing classic dances in a vaudeville bill, arrived in Victoria yesterday on a visit, but was compelled to return to the mainland on the midnight boat. When he registered at the Empress Hotel he explained that he had lost his baggage somewhere between Winnipeg and Victoria, and would probably have to return to hunt it up unless the C. P. R. officials knew something about it. It is expected that he will return to the capital in a few days.

Sir Edward is the fifteenth baronet of his line, which was elevated to that rank in 1630. He was for some years an officer in the Black Watch. His estate is in Perthshire. Lady Constance is a sister of the Countess of Cromartie and has assisted greatly in bringing the family into the limelight by her predilection for barefoot dancing, which was at first confined to private exhibitions for society people, but later was displayed to the public in the music halls and variety theatres.

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Regular 65c for 35¢, 27 inches wide, shown in sky, pale pink, old rose, helio, cardinal, brown, navy, ivory and black.

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Regular 85c and \$1.00 for 45¢, 20 inches wide. A very highly finished silk; very desirable for blouses or for afternoon and evening gowns, come in the following shades: Coral pink, sky, Copenhagen, pale pink, old rose, maize, champagne, helio, purple, Nile, reseda, French grey, brown, navy, ivory and black.

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Regular 75c for 50¢, 27 inches wide. A very durable silk, splendid quality for making tailored blouses.

WHITE SHANTUNG

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Regular \$1.25 for 75¢, 27 inches wide. A very heavy make, closely woven, and will launder like linen; exceptional value.

WHITE INDIA SILK

Regular \$1.50 for 95¢, 27 inches wide. This is the heaviest quality we have ever seen in this make of silk; used extensively for tailored blouses, dresses and for making undergarments.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 17.—5 a. m.—The western high pressure area is slowly moving eastward and is now central over Colorado. The low area on the coast overlies the upper part of the province, where it is becoming centred. Rainfall has been general from Prince Rupert southward to upper California, but mainly on the immediate coast, where temperatures are mild. In the prairie provinces the pressure is comparatively low in Alberta, but has increased in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the weather is fair and becoming colder.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 44; minimum, 43; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, .06; weather, rain.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.92; tempera-

ture, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .42; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .76; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, part cloudy.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 22; minimum, 18; wind, 14 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 8 p. m., Tuesday:

Temperature.

Highest

Lowest

Average

General state of weather, cloudy.

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TENDERS CLOSE FOR TOWAGE TO-MORROW

Garbage Contract to Be Awarded; Further Destruction of Park Property

Tenders close to-morrow for the towage of garbage to sea in connection with the city scavenging department. The contract is issued periodically, and embraces the removal of the scows from the city wharf to a convenient position for dumping, thus getting rid of all material which cannot be consumed in the incinerators. From the receiving stations at Woodlands and Queen's avenue the garbage is delivered at the wharf, and there removed.

There is now the assurance of legislation at the approaching session to legalize the agreements between the city and the adjacent municipalities over the northwest sewer, for which a by-law is to be put before the Saanich ratepayers in January. The other municipalities have already expressed an opinion on the subject in the past, and the money being available in the city, work has already commenced.

This portion of the work opened, however, the subject of the health of the city, and of Esquimalt, as there is no certainty of the by-law passing in the other area, and no work can consequently be undertaken yet. However with the receipt of tenders on Monday for the concrete pipe required, the fullest information on the cost of the work will be available by the time that the by-law has received the assent of the ratepayers of Saanich.

In reference to the depredations at Stadcona park on Saturday or Sunday, when the valuable holly trees were robbed of their berries, Mr. Park Superintendent Purdy says that the boulevard also have suffered considerably of late, and many young trees have been plucked bodily up, thrown aside and left to wither, while others have been wilfully destroyed. It is by no means easy to secure a conviction in these matters.

BEWARE YOUNG MAN

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IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE WILL BE DETERMINED

Examination is Being Made of Hotels to Determine Compliance With License Laws

The license commissioners sit again on Monday to consider the numerous applications for transfers from premises in connection with the amended law governing liquor licenses.

In connection with the application for the Leeland hotel transfer a surprise is anticipated associated with the petitions from residents in the vicinity, as a result of inquiries which have been in progress since the session of the commissioners last week. This license is largely opposed on account of its proximity to the North Ward school, although outside the statutory limit.

There are both the transfers from premises to premises and of recognition as hotels for those houses which have been altered in compliance with the provisions of the act. The commission has indicated its intention to define what is meant by "hotel," and thus give the licensees some idea of what should be done in connection with maintaining the efficiency of the premises. Since the session of the commissioners last week, officials of the board, and one of the commissioners, Mr. Popham, have visited some of the houses to see what steps have been taken to comply with the provisions of the act.

Licenses have till Saturday to lodge plans of their buildings with the clerk to the commissioners. It is necessary that the whole question of these licenses should be cleared up during the life of the present board, so that the commissioners will be able to give a direction to the city-treasurer from whom to receive the fees in 1914. If the work is not completed on Monday, a further session will be had prior to January 15, which is the date set by the legislature for the abolition of saloon licenses.

The policy of associating the apartment houses downtown with a license, which is directly indicated by the applications now before the board, is likely to be introduced in connection with the discussion at the next meeting.

TICKETS FOR BIG BALL

Tables May Be Reserved for Supper at New Year's Eve Function.

Tickets for the annual New Year's Eve ball at the Empress Hotel go on sale to-morrow at the hotel. Tables may be reserved for the supper immediately upon the purchase of tickets, but no tables will be reserved before tickets are bought. While the principal supper and entertainment will be in the main dining room beginning promptly at 10.45, there will also be an orchestra in the grill room, past experience having taught that the diningroom is insufficiently large to contain the vast number of people who attend the function.

As previously announced, this year's ball will be a fancy dress affair, but full evening dress will also be optional. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock, supper at 10.45, and after the salutation of the New Year at midnight there will be a number of vaudeville features on a stage at the end of the diningroom. For these acts members of the hotel staff have been rehearsing for the past month, and as they have not a little talent the entertainment promises to be not only a novel, but a highly enjoyable feature of the evening. Dancing will be resumed in the ballroom immediately afterwards.

The Beer of Excellence—Silver Spring.

GETTING READY THE LEGISLATIVE FARE

Some of the Measures That Are Likely to Come Before House at Coming Session

While the chief janitor is making the interior of the parliament buildings ready for the session which is to open on Thursday, January 15, the clerks in the provincial service are preparing the annual reports for presentation to the legislature, and the members of the cabinet are beginning to think of the legislation that will be brought forward.

Speculation is busy as to what the government has to offer the House in the way of new bills. That there will be a number of them there is no doubt, and that these will include amendments to all the important acts in the recently revised volumes of the consolidated statutes is made a certainty by the history of the legislature during the past few years. It would seem almost impossible to amend some of them any further, when the index of the statutes of 1913 is consulted and it is seen how all the acts of consequence were amended at the last session, some of them very extensively.

But in spite of that it is safe to expect that there will be a long array of amendments to be presented to the House for consideration. In addition to all the changes made last year the members of the government will have more alterations in the law regarding the lands, forests, mines and water of the province. One provincial asset that will certainly have to be dealt with is that of the fisheries, in view of the recent decision of the privy council, denying all the claims of Mr. Bowser to provincial control.

It is to be expected that there will be legislation to carry into effect the plans for a north-and-south railway which Sir Richard McBride has talked of, which will connect the United States with its possessions in Alaska. Then there are certain to be bills dealing with the Canadian Northern Pacific and Pacific Great Eastern railways, and perhaps with the Kettle River Valley railway. That at least twenty-five millions are needed to complete the C. N. P., and at least fifteen millions to complete the P. G. E., and that the province will be asked at the coming session by the government to provide this money, are rumors that will not down, no matter what members of the government may say. In well-informed quarters it is taken as a certainty that such propositions will be made to the legislature.

A government measure that will call for a great deal of attention is the revision and consolidation of the Municipal Act, copies of which were distributed to the members of the House before prorogation. The act makes a bulky little pamphlet of close on two hundred pages, and it runs to five hundred sections. It is divided into twenty-two parts, dealing with various and multitudinous subjects that come within the powers of municipal councils. A feature of the bill is a copious index, which is needed in an act of such frequent public use and of such a complex character.

The likely procedure is that the bill will be referred to the municipal committee, and both there and before the House it will be the object of long debate and detailed consideration. That the committee will have to listen to many deputations is a foregone conclusion, and a large share of the time of the session will have to be given up to it.

Acts which were passed last session or which were consolidated, and which will doubtless have the first batch of government amendments made to them at the approaching session are the Local Improvement Act, the Jury Act, the Official Guardians' Act, the Insurance Act, and the Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act. There are many acts which are under the charge of the attorney-general which it is a safe bet to expect further amendments to, and these include the legislation dealing with liquor licenses, land registry, game, joint stock companies, provincial elections, courts and motor traffic.

There will not be very much private legislation asked for this year, and so far there are notices in the B. C. Gazette of only four applications. The City of Victoria has its bill practically ready, the terms of which follow the discussions on the matter of changes which have occupied the city council for some time past. No doubt there will be the annual request from Vancouver for amendments to its charter, and possibly that other perennial from the mainland, amendments to the False Creek Portshore Act.

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Gifts for the Tot

Children's Umbrellas, Rain Capes, Coats, Knitted Sweater Frocks, Woolen Jacket, Infants' Bonnets, Mitts, Gloves, French Hand-Embroidered Short Dresses, Infants' Bibs, Infants' Slips, Infants' Robes, Booties.

and operate a telephone line through the Skeena and Cariboo districts. The city of Port Alberni wishes to be given power to enter into an agreement with the Ritchie-Agnew Power Company, Limited, for the supply of electricity "required within the city's present and future limits during the period of thirty years."

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia seeks to become a close corporation after the pattern of other professions by having the following section added to its act of incorporation, obtained in 1906: "No person shall be entitled to take or use the designation Chartered Accountant, or the initials F. C. A., A. C. A., C. A. A., or C. A. either alone or in combination with any other words, or any name, title, or description implying that he is a chartered accountant, of any name, title, initials, or description implying that he is a certified accountant, or an incorporated accountant, unless he is a member of the institute in good standing and registered as such."

TO STANDARDIZE BOXES.

Provincial Horticulturists Decide on Adopting American System.

Many matters were considered at the convention of Provincial Horticulturists which met yesterday, one of the chief of which was with reference to the standardization of apple-packing boxes in the Okanagan district to accord with those used by the apple packers to the south of the boundary.

This will mean that the Canadian box, 10 x 11 x 20 inches, will be replaced by one 18 x 11 1/4 x 10 1/2 inches, which would have a capacity very little less than the former, and an appearance of containing more.

The Canadian box is still to be retained by the packing schools for demonstration purposes, saving in the Okanagan Valley, during the coming season. Thereafter the American box will be used all through the province as the standard.

Another matter which came up for discussion during the day was with reference to the use of powder in stumping operations, an interesting discourse with respect to the most economic methods of handling powder for this purpose being given by a member of one of the powder companies.

BAR DISEASED BIRDS.

Resolution Passed at Convention of Poultrymen at Grand Forks.

According to a resolution passed in connection with the first convention of the British Columbia branch of the American Poultry Association which met last week at Grand Forks, the federal authorities are to be approached and urged to pass some law prohibiting the introduction of diseased poultry stock into the Dominion. J. R. Terry, chief provincial poultry inspector, was appointed to draw up the resolution in question.

The annual provincial show at Grand

Forks was highly successful, and W. Miller Higgs, one of the judges was appointed president of the British Columbia branch of the A. P. A. Among the Victoria exhibitors who won prizes with exhibits were Messrs. Reid, Greenwood and H. Grist. At the banquet which was held in connection with the show H. E. Upton, of the poultry division of the department of agriculture, who acted as secretary for the British Columbia Poultry Association, was presented with a purse.

The judges at the show were C. G. Hinds, of Oakland, California, president of the Alameda County Poultry Association; and E. N. Barker, of Calgary.

INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLIGENCE.

When the late Sir W. H. Bailey was a witness before a parliamentary committee he fairly observed that all men of intelligence were in favor of a certain bill. The opposing counsel, marking his prey as secure, asked: "Is Mr. John Bailey in favor of it?" "No," cheerfully answered Sir William. "Do you consider your father a man of intelligence?" pursued the barrister. "Ah!" said Sir William, as though the matter had just dawned on him, "we must discriminate; there is ancient intelligence and modern intelligence; my father represents the first, but I represent modern intelligence."

He—"They say Sally Simpson is married—at last." She—"Who's the happy man?" He—"Her father, of course."

LIBERAL-REFORM CLUB

Liberals of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich Will Join in Doing Leader Honor.

At 8 o'clock this evening there will be a meeting of the Liberal-Reform Club at the Liberal rooms, Cornorant street. This club is growing in membership rapidly and is making itself felt as a force in the Liberalism of the city. Plans for the winter are now well under way, and several meetings have been arranged for. At these prominent speakers in the party ranks here and elsewhere in the province, will be heard on the topics of the day.

An invitation has been extended to the Liberals of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich to attend this evening's meeting, at which H. C. Brewster, the provincial leader of the party, will speak. Mr. Brewster is shortly to leave on a tour of the province and the meeting to-night will give him a hearty send-off.

There are some matters of business to come before the meeting, and it is desired by the committee that there should be a large attendance of the members on that account as well as to do honor to the leader.

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STRONG OPPOSITION TO
COMMISSIONER CLAUSE

Desire Not to Give Government
Too Much Power; Municipal
Credit Dismissed

Contrary votes were recorded at the Board of Trade meeting yesterday against only one of the principles laid down by the legislative committee for inclusion in the new municipal bill which it is proposed to introduce at the coming session of the legislature. That one clause was the recommendation of the appointment of a commissioner to have the powers of the government in relation to municipalities. Led by Councillor McGregor, of Oak Bay, a small number of members waged a determined opposition to this proposal during the debate, but finally mustered only three votes and the proposal was carried.

Keen criticism was levelled against a number of the clauses but in most cases the explanations of the committee members were sufficient to cause their adoption. Several slight amendments which served rather to make the meaning of the committee more clear than to alter the purport

of the clauses, were adopted with the consent of the committee. In fact the meeting opened by M. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee, moving a series of amendments to the original report, these alterations having been made as a result of the preliminary discussion at the last meeting and certain conversations about the matter which have taken place since.

Mr. McGregor's objection to the creation of a department of municipalities with a commissioner at the head was based largely upon the assumption that such an officer would seek to standardize the development of the different municipalities and thereby prevent such splendid experiments as the removal of taxes on improvements from being tried out by individual municipalities. Such an officer would be a specialist and would know all the best ways of doing things, and the individuality of the various councils would be lost and the communities stunted in their growth by having to conform to a uniform standard. Let the municipalities work out their own development, he urged.

Mr. Jackson stated that the proposal had for its reason a desire to avoid party politics from becoming an issue in municipal affairs. Furthermore, he said, there was nothing in the clause suggesting that the commissioner be given any further powers than those exercised by the government now. He would have no power to prevent the passing of any by-laws the municipalities saw fit to adopt. The principle was one which had been adopted by the union of municipalities and was actually in practice in several provinces.

Mr. McGregor said that the commissioner's influence on the municipalities would be very heavy, as the councils would have to humor him to get along with him.

J. J. Shalloo advanced the argument that in rural municipalities the council's ignorance of business methods often led to very serious difficulties, and he declared that some of the bad financing of these municipalities in this province had affected British Columbia's credit seriously. An official to keep these rural councils in check

was an absolute necessity, he maintained.

J. L. Beckwith thought there was no reason why this officer should have any further powers than the government now had, but pointed out that the sanction or approval of a government expert would be invaluable to municipalities in selling bonds.

The clause was carried with the omission of the word "permanent" before "commissioner."

The recommendation for a local improvement account to supply money for works authorized by the ratepayers before the bonds were sold, and its twin clause providing that local improvement bonds should be a debt of the municipality instead of a debt of the ratepayers affected, came in for much discussion. C. H. Lugin asked what effect this would have on the municipal credit, and the committee promptly replied that local improvement loans would be included in the city's debt, as financial men always consider them. If necessary the city's borrowing power could be increased in proportion, but it was an anomalous condition to leave local improvements out of the city's debt. The real point of the proposal, however, was in the committee's opinion, the provision of a fund for carrying on local improvements as soon as they were approved instead of waiting indefinitely for the sale of bonds. The matter of the effect on the borrowing power of the city could with safety be left to the committee of the legislature which would consider the bill.

Mr. McGregor opposed any increase in the borrowing capacity as it would look bad in the eyes of Eastern capitalists. The clause was finally carried, several members refraining from voting.

The clause which originally proposed that the issue of five year bonds should be accompanied by a certificate from the government that the proceedings were legal, was altered to make it optional upon the municipality whether it obtained this certificate or not.

The Beer of Excellence—Silver Spring.

DR. VOSBURG CAN'T COME

Lecturer's Moving Picture Booth Con-
demned by Provincial
Inspector.

Because the booth in which Dr. Vosburg's moving picture operator worked did not conform to the requirements of L. Gordon, the provincial moving picture inspector, the eminent lecturer who had been engaged by the Y. M. C. A. to give eight lectures in Victoria during the next three weeks has been compelled to cancel his visit.

Dr. Vosburg's travelogues which he was to have delivered here in the First Baptist church had been extensively advertised, and it was a keen disappointment as well as a surprise to the Y. M. C. A. people and the lecturer himself that official interference should prevent his coming. Evidently Inspector Gordon, who is a very painstaking official, believed that the booth was so constructed as to create a danger of fire and he very promptly prohibited its use as soon as the doctor reached Vancouver. The booth was reached in several other provinces in Canada, however, and Dr. Vosburg is rather indignant.

Educational classes at the Y. M. C. A. will be closed from December 22 to January 5. Physical classes have been much better attended since the recent membership campaign and many new members have enrolled.

DUMAS.

Dr. George Brandes, the Danish man of letters, says the Daily Mail, tells an amusing story of a mistranslation.

"In one of my books I spoke of a Russian poet whose work showed the influence of the old Dumas (Cossack folk songs)."

"The book was translated by an American whose enthusiasm was perhaps greater than his knowledge, and when I read the translation I was surprised to find that I had described this simple poet as influenced by Dumas pere!"

"My translator had taken the 'old Dumas' to mean the elder Dumas!"

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Canadian Celebrities

J. K. Cornwall, M.P.P.

The Man Who Wanted Work

For many years there wandered about on the face of the earth a husky, hard-muscled vagabond—as he would in those days have been called—named Cornwall, Jim Cornwall. He sold newspapers as a lad. He worked on a Great Lakes freighter, he sailed before the mast on the North Atlantic. He jobbed around Europe and went to sea again. He landed in South America and visited practically its every nook and corner. He sauntered up to the United States, and arriving in Chicago tried to make his paltry savings into a fortune by gambling on wheat. He lost, but he became a hunter, a trapper, a trader, a packer, a transportation magnate of the north land. He became the boss of a great unsettled area of Canada, the Peace River country. Today the forty-five million acres of farm land which the west "knows" vaguely as the "Peace River Country," has a great voice and a brain—Jim Cornwall.

Whenever the name of this great new section of Canada is mentioned there also is to be heard the name of Cornwall. In Halifax if you speak of the Peace River country they mention also the name of the man through whom they first heard of it. In Victoria it is the same—of the daughters of that city, Evelyn Beatrice Tierney, is now the wife of this man. Men say, "Great country that Peace River!" and other men say, "Yes; it must be. I've seen Jim Cornwall." "Sure!" And so first thing they know they are discussing, not the wheat that may be sown far north of Edmonton, nor the oil fields, nor the gas well that can't be capped—but Jim Cornwall. "Great fellow, Jim!" they say. "Wonderful man!"

And he is.

He was born in Bradford, Ontario, son of Thomas Cornwall and Annah Kennedy, his wife. They were an honest people who looked forward to giving little Jim Cornwall a

good education and a start in life. But they did not get the chance. At fifteen the sturdy stirring son was far from the parental roof—in Buffalo, from the parental roof—in Buffalo, from the parental roof—in Buffalo. Between the beginning of 1884 and the end of 1888 he made his living hustling the news sheets at a busy Buffalo intersection. It was not a fortune making business, but it took energy and strength, and it meant keen competition. That was what he liked. He was no lover of idleness. He enjoyed the very struggle of existence. After a time he third of selling papers and signed on as a deck-hand on a lake freighter plying out of Buffalo. This was the beginning of his long career of wandering. The lakes led to the ocean, and soon Jim Cornwall was stirring up interesting things for his own entertainment wherever a white man had dared to set his foot. So he wandered till he was 27. It was then he lost all savings in the Chicago grain pit and then that he was driven to the Canadian west.

J. K. Cornwall was never one that stayed close to camp. Since he had made his way west and north he was bound to go as far west and as far north as he dared, or as anybody dared. He pushed away up into what was then Athabasca. He followed the trails of the fur traders. He investigated the life of the north just as he had investigated Buenos Ayres, or Marcellus, or London and Santiago in Chile. And at first perhaps because it was to be his true love he did not like the north. He turned to come out. He came and at the door which leads from the wilderness into civilization he met crowds of people wanting to get up the Athabasca river.

"What are you waiting for?" he is said to have demanded.

"We are waiting to get through big rapids," said the crowd.

"What's the matter? Can't you get through?"

"It is a bad rapids. There is no one to take a boat through."

"I'll take one through," said Jim Cornwall, and he did—safely, though he

had never seen the place before, it is said.

When he returned from the trip there were scores of people wanting to be taken through. Cornwall counted the heads, shook himself, named his fee and began his work. He carried all these people through and lost none of them. When he was finished he had \$1,000 in his pocket.

How this giant-limbed, giant-hearted and level-headed man hewed a place for himself out of the frozen wilderness, how he began in the business of transportation of men and goods into the Peace River country; how he began to understand and love that country; how he became the virtual dictator of its sentiments by sheer force of personality; how he entered politics and how he has succeeded in making the term "Peace River" known from coast to coast—these are the commonplaces about Jim Cornwall.

To meet him is to come in contact with a distinctly novel and extremely positive personality. It is like standing up beside a big locomotive, or a softly purring turbo-generator—smooth on the surface but full of terrible energy inside. To talk to him is to meet optimism incarnate, and to try to walk down Jasper street in Edmonton with him—when he is in a hurry—or to follow beside him on snow-shoes, is like trying to keep pace with a six-cylinder on a smooth road. The big-

man are like the very country he represents. When Jim Cornwall, Cornwall, M. P. P., goes to Toronto or Montreal to talk to Canadian Clubs or Press Clubs, or at private gatherings about the Peace River country which he loves, men see that country not only in his words but in the very figure of the man himself, his power, his good humor, his wit, his eloquence, his picturesque.

J. K. Cornwall is to-day one of the sunniest, happiest men alive. He is in the position of one who has found peace—full satisfaction after years of roaming. His was a strong nature which could not be content with small work. He required a big job or no job at all. That is why he wandered so long. He sought a task that would sit on his great big shoulders and make a full load for them. He could make no use of trifles. He loathed a pack sack only half filled. But up in the Canadian north and west in "The last area of free land in the British Empire," as it is sometimes called, he found a piece of work that would occupy him well for many years to come. That is why, since Jim Cornwall came back to Canada he is content. He has found his job. He is father and mother and brother and sister and banker and debtor and creditor and doctor to the great valley of the Peace.

AUGUSTUS BRIDLE



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SOMETHING IN THIS.

To the Editor: To-day's Colonist says that the admission of women into political life would cause a strain that could be unjust both to her and to the race. Gallant Englishman, however, have no objection to women determining their strength by toiling hopelessly in factories and sweatshops, the tragedy of whose lives may be read in their faces by the most unobserving.

I have been told that women doctors are desired in the private hospitals of all the principal hospitals of England; no objection is made, however, to their entering in the subordinate, overworked, underpaid positions as nurses. It would seem that any woman that aspires to a position that has a fat salary attached is counted unwomanly. The Oracle of the Colonist says that men being physically stronger are better able to stand political life. Well, I would like to see some of our herculean politicians of British Columbia after they had undergone, say, five years of the work required of a vast number of English women by the sweat industries of that enlightened country.

The British House of Commons has had on the tapis for four years the Pure Milk Bill, vital as this issue is. I wonder if women wouldn't have hurried this up a bit if they had had any say in the matter.

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There were seals in the water, and plenty of fine fish were collected by the men. Enough small and large fish, crabs, and crayfish were caught to keep the crew and the passengers going a whole day.

HOW TO GET A SEAT.

This little snatch of dialogue, I am assured by a truthful correspondent, says the Glasgow News, was overheard at Wellington street corner: "Isn't that Gibson, there, with the crutch? I didn't know he was lame!" "Neither he is; but he lives out the Highland way now, and that is the only way he can get a seat in the car at nights going home."

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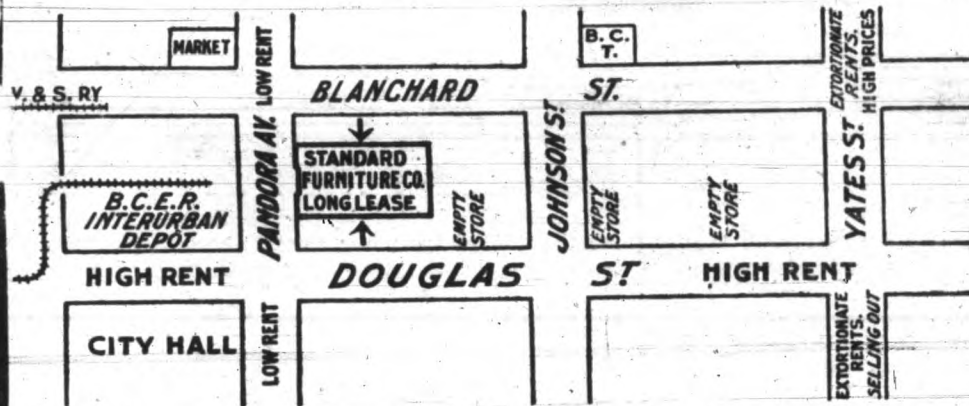
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Stunted halfway between South Africa and Australia is a mere speck of land, says Australian exchanges to hand on the R. M. S. Marama. It is dignified with the name of Amsterdam Island, and the only things on the land are a number of cattle, which have probably multiplied from animals that have swum ashore from some wreck. It is cut off the track of most ships, and is only used as a store island for mariners who may be wrecked in its vicinity. Latterly boats belonging to the Swedish-Australian service have been passing near Amsterdam Island, and the Australia, of that line, which has recently arrived at Fremantle, anchored within easy boat distance off it in October. Moved by curiosity and a desire to see how the stores were being maintained, a boat-load left the ship and made for the shore. In the boat were the chief and second officers, two passengers travelling to Australia, and three sailors.

Soon after the party landed they saw the provision depot which had been erected in 1883 by the Eury, a French vessel of war. The visitors found the depot contained seven barrels of food. Two barrels were opened, and it was noted that their contents consisted of tinned meat, which was in a very damaged condition. It was assumed that the contents of the other barrels were in the same state; and it is suggested by the officers of the Australia that they ought to be replaced at the earliest opportunity. There is neither fuel nor a stove on the premises, and wood appears to be scarce. Some rough boards, on which were the name "S.S. Kent," were found.

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"SCHNAPPS A BODY"

"The Germans don't always know how to translate English and Scotch words," said Sir Frederick Bridge recently in an address at the London Institution on "The Beggars' Opera." The song for "Polly" was set to a delightful old Scotch tune. "Gin (if) thou were mine awn thing," and the translator not knowing the meaning of "gin" looked up the word in the dictionary and translated it "schnapps!" (laughter).

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PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY TO MEET ALL NEEDS

Dr. F. F. Westbrook Delivers Eloquent Address Before Canadian Clubs

Frankly paraphrasing the saying of a great American, Dr. F. F. Westbrook, president of the University of British Columbia, told the members of the Canadian Club and the Canadian Women's Club at luncheon in the Empress hotel to-day that a People's University, such as he hoped to build up in British Columbia, must meet all the needs of all the people all the time. A university to meet the needs of one part of the people, such as the unique needs of British Columbia, must be a university to meet the needs of the whole people, and that did not make the task of building a university any easier.

If the university was simply to meet the needs of one part of the people, which was roughly the proportion of the population which came out of the university with a degree, then there would be no excuse for spending the people's money in establishing and maintaining such an institution. Government universities, however, did more than this; they were associated with all other educational institutions in teaching all the sciences, social and economic, of the people. Therefore he maintained that the advantages of the university should not be simply for the sons and daughters of the well-to-do, but for those who were in need of the university to realize the necessity for careful training in the art of home making, economics, domestic science.

People were also prone to forget the necessities of rural life. Residents of the country must have life, not education. The University of Minnesota had gone to the length of establishing a department of rural life, and Dr. Westbrook, in dealing with agriculture he referred to the desirability of agricultural courses in the high school, so that the farm laborer might have a chance to develop into the professional farmer. Dr. C. C. James, Canada's agricultural expert, on his recent visit here had emphasized the great necessity of rural education in this province, yet he understood they were eating New Zealand butter. British Columbia must be taught not only to feed itself, but many of its less fortunate neighbors. British Columbia, he maintained, must develop and he also showed how the standard of efficiency must be required of the nation's law-makers, and administrators, and those persons who had charge of the individual and public health.

DROWNS IN HARBOR AT MIDNIGHT HOUR

Mrs. Cefer, Wandering to Spratt's Wharf in Dark, Falls Into Water

Mrs. Cefer, an old lady of seventy-three, who has been an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home, Collinson street, for the past three years, was drowned in the inner harbor about midnight, but it is impossible to tell yet whether it was a case of accident or not. The old lady was noticed by the crew on the Pilot shortly before midnight standing on Spratt's wharf, and it being an unusual sight, comment was made on the fact. Soon after she was seen, a splash was heard and the crew at once looked for her. Her body was recovered in a few minutes floating close to the wharf where she had fallen over, and taken on board. While a message was sent to the police and the arrival of the ambulance was being awaited the crew did all they could to revive her by artificial respiration, and on the coming of Constable George Forster he added his efforts to the work so well being done by the men on the wharf. Nothing that could be done was of any avail, the shock evidently being too much for the old lady and her heart being unable to respond. When it was seen that she was dead, her body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Hanna & Thomson, after Dr. Bapty had seen it. An inquest will be held to-morrow forenoon.

LOCAL NEWS

Companions of the Forest.—The Companions of the Forest will hold a social dance to-morrow evening at the A. O. F. hall, Broad street.

Admiralty Court.—Mr. Justice Martin, as local judge in admiralty, will sit to-morrow forenoon to deal further with the matter of the sale of the stern-wheeler Skeena. No purchaser was found for the steamer when she was offered some time ago in pursuance of an order of the court.

Motor Car Destroyed.—H. A. Nuttall's motor car was almost entirely destroyed by fire on the Mill Bay road when the gasoline caught fire. There were no human casualties, but the car was a total loss, and a valuable six-cylinder one, was so badly damaged that it will not be worth repairing.

Oldest Deacon Speaks.—At the First Congregational church last evening the members of the ladies' club had an exceptionally interesting entertainment, when Mr. Howell, the oldest acting-deacon, read a paper on the subject: "Land and Sea." The club will not meet again until the first Tuesday in the New Year.

Award Ready.—It is understood that the award of the board of arbitration in the case of the C. N. P. Railway Company and C. W. Bradshaw is ready, and that anyone who is willing to pay the costs of the arbitration, some \$675, can have the pleasure of seeing the seals broken and of reading the contents. So far neither the railway company nor the owner of the lands sought to be taken has been curious enough to do so.

Ladies' Night.—To-night is ladies' night at the Elks' club and the local antierd herd will entertain their wives, sisters and sweethearts at a social and card party. Professor Turner's orchestra will supply the music. Messrs. N. B. Maysmith and R. H. Barnum are due for some new "stunts" and it is rumored that one "gent" will be the subject for some of Prof. Barnum's hypnotic entertainments. "Mack" is being held in reserve by the janitor, in case the furnace goes out of commission.

Judgment on a Note.—This morning Judge Lampman gave judgment for F. R. Stewart & Co. against Hugh E. Springer, former lessee of the Westholme hotel, on a note for \$278.37, and interest. The note was one of three given to the company by Mr. Springer in March, 1912, when the sheriff was in possession, in order to satisfy a judgment which had been obtained against him. The other two were paid but this remained unpaid. Robert H. Brenchy, manager of the plaintiff's firm, gave formal evidence. A. D. Macfarlane appeared for the plaintiff company. The defense was by J. A. Aikman, and one of his witnesses, Geo. E. Powell, Vancouver, were unable to be in town, but as the case has been dragging on for a long time and there have been several adjournments, at the instance of the defense his honor refused the application of J. H. Aikman for a further adjournment.

JAMES' EXPLANATION.

"Once upon a time, James," said his governess, "there was a little boy who ate too much pudding and he burst." James: "There isn't such a thing as too much pudding." Governess: "Then why did the little boy burst?" James: "Not enough boy."—Gentlewoman.

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POISONOUS SNAKE AMONG BANANAS

Tropical Reptile Came to Life in Victoria; Employee Had Narrow Escape

A snake from the West Indies which came to life in the warm air of Victoria, after being in the Arctic atmosphere of a refrigerator car across the United States from New Orleans, is on show in a Government street store.

This reptile is short but deadly, and is like most of the smaller snakes that are highly poisonous, so that an employee of F. R. Stewart & Company is to be congratulated on a happy escape this morning. He went down into the basement and carried up, in his arms, some sticks of bananas for the retail trade. In going out the bananas from the straw he inadvertently picked up the venomous creature, frozen up the neck of his coat, and was nearly bitten by the warmth of the room.

Lying in the packing of straw which surrounds this succulent fruit, it soon demonstrated its liveliness, and was caged in a glass jar against accident. Only last week a lizard of brilliant hue disgorged its stomach contents, and found a home among the packing cases and sacks at Messrs. Stewart's premises. Other strange specimens of tropical insect and reptile life have a habit, a representative of the company says, of appearing among the fruit shipped from warm climates to Victoria, and causing consternation among the employees unwrapping them for shipment.

NATURALIZATION BILL

UNIFORM FOR EMPIRE

Postmaster Samuel Tells of Legislation for Next Session of Parliament

London, Dec. 17.—Speaking at the British Empire League meeting to-day at the Hotel Cecil, the postmaster-general, said that long consultations on the subject of uniform naturalization for all British subjects had proceeded between the home and the overseas dominion governments and a bill embodying the principles arrived at would come before parliament at the next session.

Mr. Samuel went on to refer to the reduction in cable rates, which had resulted in the short period of three years in almost doubling the matter carried by the Pacific cable. This meant above all things an increase in the dissemination of news which must be of permanent value to the whole empire. He had been able, said Mr. Samuel, with the colonial secretary's cordial co-operation, to reduce the cable rates to the West Indies. The rate from the West Indies to the Mother Country would be two shillings and sixpence, while from the West Indies to Canada it would be one shilling and sixpence.

Up to the present fifty-three newspapers published in the Dominion had registered under the act passed last session by which such newspapers could be posted in Great Britain at ordinary inland rates. This was of great benefit to people receiving overseas newspapers who desired to pass them on to others. He was in communication with the Dominion government in the hope of securing reciprocal treatment for British newspapers and many portions of the empire had already granted such privileges.

Mr. Samuel concluded with some reference to the recent passage between himself and Sir Rodmond Roblin, premier of Manitoba. Seeing that the newspapers out west had made him appear to say that ten thousand Winnipeg children never went to school and stating that there were only twenty thousand children in Winnipeg. It was not surprising that Premier Roblin was himself surprised. The premier had, however, been good enough to make ample apology on learning what was really said at Montreal. The latest friendship prevailed between the two over-seas dominions and the mother country, but it was a wise and true saying of Doctor Johnson that "friendships should be kept in constant repair."

CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES AGREEMENT AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Dr. Hugh M. Smith, American commissioner of fisheries, who arrived in the capital yesterday, had a preliminary conference this morning with Hon. J. D. Hazen in regard to the international fisheries agreement.

The agreement was entered into over three years ago and has been ratified by the Canadian parliament. The American congress has declined to concur in the treaty and the Dominion has threatened to withdraw from the agreement. It is hoped that as a result of meetings between Dr. Smith, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Prof. Prince, the Canadian commissioner of fisheries, the differences which have hitherto prevented the ratification of the agreement may be overcome.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

London, Dec. 17.—Following are the results of football games played to-day in the fifth qualifying round of the football association cup.

Southend United 2, Brentford 0; South Shields 2, Luton 0; Chesterfield Town 3, North Shields 2.

A MEETING of the members of the Liberal Reform Club will be held in the LIBERAL ROOMS, CORMORANT STREET, TO-NIGHT at 8 o'clock, at which Mr. M. C. Brewster will be the principal speaker.

NEW COMMANDER IS POPULAR IN INDIA

Appointment of General Sir Beauchamp Duff is Generally Approved

Calcutta, India, Dec. 17.—Very few appointments in India, at all events to the higher offices of government, escape criticism, because such appointments are always made from London, by men who are remote from the actual theatre of events.

But curiously, the nomination of Gen. Sir Beauchamp Duff to the second most important post in India, that of commander-in-chief, has been received with cordial approval, if not exactly with enthusiasm, on all sides.

There are two different sets of soldiers in India. There are between 70,000 and 80,000 British troops and about 150,000 Indian troops, offered as to the higher commands, by Britishers. Hitherto it has been the custom to nominate an officer of the British army and one of the Indian army alternately, to the chief command in India.

The idea presumably is that an officer of the British army is more likely to be in touch with the latest ideas on the subjects of organization and strategy, while naturally the officer of the Indian army has a more special knowledge of the peculiar conditions concerning Indian army organization and warfare.

By placing one officer from either group in the chief command alternately every five years, it is hoped to insure that the Indian army shall be kept thoroughly up to date in all the matters which make for general efficiency, while at the same time the special objects for which it exists shall be kept well in view.

This rule has been departed from in the case of Sir Beauchamp Duff, who is, like his predecessor, an officer of the Indian army. The result being that when he retires this army will have been for ten years without being commanded by an English soldier. On the other hand, Sir Beauchamp Duff was closely associated with Lord Kitchener during the sweeping reforms which that soldier introduced into the Indian army during his period of office.

He is also an exceptionally talented organizer, and although he has not seen as much service in the field as some generals, he has been in about half a dozen wars, including that in South Africa. Last, but not least, India is glad to witness the promotion of a soldier who has devoted himself specially to her interests for the past 30 years.

INSANE MAN KNEW HE WOULD BE REPRIVED

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 17.—Jesse Hammond's life has been spared through the intervention of the minister of justice at Ottawa. Hammond was sentenced to hang to-day in accordance with sentence passed upon him at Saskatoon, but last night word arrived from Ottawa that the sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment in the local penitentiary. Hammond, who has proven himself a religious fanatic while in jail, has persisted in declaring that

the verger was showing the country church; and, as is the way of his class, was misinterpreting his words. "There's that stove; it fair eats coke and none of the congregation is ever satisfied. It's always too hot or too cold for 'em. But I let 'em grumble. So long as I keep it as the old vicar's wife likes it I'm all right."

He would intervene to save his life. When informed of the reprieve he smiled and nodded his head with characteristic calm and assurance.

CHINA NOW NEEDING LARGE LOAN QUICKLY

Yuan Shih Kai's Finance Minister Admits Credit Must Be Restored

London, Dec. 17.—"The Chinese government has urgent need of £2,000,000 before the end of the year." This is the news cabled from Peking, the announcement including the statement that "the ministry of finance under the able guidance of Hsiung-Hsiung is fully aware of the absolute necessity of husbanding the national resources and building up a proper fiscal system so as to restore Chinese credit."

In the light of facts, it is only possible to put one construction on this announcement. In the first place, at the present moment there is no government in Peking, except such a government as Yuan Shih-Kai, the dictator of China, is able to maintain in his own immediate vicinages for his own protection and for the protection of his followers, through an army paid with borrowed money. Elsewhere there is a flimsy show of government through officials paid with borrowed money.

The customs, the Gabelle, in fact the entire fiscal system in China to-day is being conducted under the direction of outsiders, acting under the splendid system more or less well handled since that great administrator, Sir Robert Hart, relinquished his post of responsibility. The postal system, the telegraphs and the railways largely are in the hands of outsiders though nominally Chinese property. The intricate "tikis" or inter-provincial system of customs, which the Chinese government is under treaty obligation to abolish, is maintained in a desultory way, but by no means profitably.

Aside from these sources of income the so-called Chinese government has nothing on which to depend for administrative purposes except more loans. The customs and Gabelle pay the interest and something more on the floating debt accumulated under the Manchu dynasty up to two years ago, but they do not pay much either for interest or as instalments of the huge indemnities which China owes to other countries on account of the Boxer outbreak. They can pay no part of the indebtedness piled up since Yuan Shih-Kai was elected president twenty months ago.

Since Hsiung became premier a year or less ago the department of finance has done nothing except to borrow money with which to pay interest on loans and defray current extraordinary expenses. During the entire period of Yuan's administration and under the able guidance of his premier, Hsiung, China's movement has been backward. No effort has been made at reform. The currency system is worse instead of better; "tikis," unjust and universally condemned, remains; every available "going" asset has been pledged and repledged. Doubtless other resources there are, enormous resources, but these are all undeveloped and capital must be secured to develop them. Neither Yuan nor Hsiung can secure this capital except they hypothecate the resources with the great international ring of pawnbrokers.

Hsiung, the correspondent telegraphs, admits that China's credit must be restored. In the face of the facts how is it possible to restore China's credit under the present government, which is nothing more than a personal dictatorship set up in opposition, not only to the people, but to the best interests of China?

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ORPHANAGE ANNUAL

MEETING IS HELD

President Urges Need of Greater Subscriptions to Carry on Efficient Work

The annual meeting of subscribers to the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall yesterday afternoon at 4.30, the president, Chas. Hayward, in the chair. Proceedings were opened by prayer by Dr. W. L. Clay, and the business of the meeting consisted in receiving reports and electing the committee of management for the ensuing term. The latter was as follows: Honorary physician, Dr. Bryant; honorary dentist, Dr. Lewis Hall; auditor, W. Curtis; secretary, solicitor, Thornton Bell; and committee: Messrs. A. J. W. Bridgman, A. D. Crease, Lawrence Goodacre, Charles Hayward, James H. Lawson, W. Scowcroft, A. R. Wolfenden, A. Les. T. W. Hawkins, T. H. Laundry and Rev. Dr. Clay and Rev. E. G. Miller.

Emphasis was placed in the president's report, on the increased expenditure in connection with the home as compared with the falling off in subscriptions, and it was suggested that those honored with a seat on the board of management should feel that they had a personal obligation placed on them to assist in collecting the necessary funds for the working of the home. The increase in expenditure had been during the year \$3,538.79. Subscriptions had fallen off \$164.10. There had been a total increase in revenue, however, to the sum of \$1,734.33, this leaving a balance on the wrong side of about \$2,000. Grateful reference was made to the economy practised by the ladies' committee in the internal management of the home, the cost of maintenance having, however, increased owing to the higher cost of food, clothing, etc., and the necessity, owing to the larger number of children, for a bigger staff. There were now on the average 75 children in the home, with an average of \$1.85

monthly for maintenance. The compensation of \$3,573 agreed upon by the city for the expropriation of a strip of the orphanage land had not yet been received, but the first payment for this was due on December 30.

The report also pointed out that, owing to the home having been on several occasions quarantined on account of epidemics which had broken out there, a school had been opened up in connection with the orphanage under the auspices of the City School Board, this having a daily average attendance of 52.

The treasurer's statement showed that the expenditure for the year just closed amounted to \$10,499.39.

The report of the ladies' committee showed that 49 children had gone into the home during the year, and that 32 had been removed, the numbers at present being 74—41 boys and 33 girls. Reference was made to the regretted death of Bishop Cridge and Mrs. John Teague, both old friends of the home, while gratitude was expressed to the many who had in various ways helped the good work, special reference being made to Mrs. Kaye, the matron, and her staff.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Barty thanking him for all his kind services in the past.

The committee of management will elect the officers for the ensuing year at a meeting to be held some time before the close of the week.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HOLIDAYS

Big Audience Crowds Hall to See Christmas Plays by Students

It was a very pleased and appreciative audience that packed the hall at the University School for the closing exercises which took place there last evening. Not only was every seat occupied, but the visitors lined the walls and stood on tiptoe at the door to catch a glimpse of the clever performances given for their delectation by the students.

Punctuality characterized the proceedings, which were carried through without a hitch, reflecting the greatest credit on warden, masters and students alike, a generous programme being provided in the short period set aside for the entertainment.

The feature of the evening was "The Conversion of Nat Sturge," a one-act play which made itself famous at His Majesty's Theatre, London, and which shows the fine resolution of the said "Nat Sturge," burglar, Jimmy expert and safe breaker, when his one principle in life is assailed. The Bishop of Minterweir, whose palace he invades on a certain dark night, has an unprepossessing and unmarrageable daughter, Julia, whom he offers to Nat for to wife, the condition being that if Nat accepts the bribe he may be let off the "seven years for burglary" which otherwise would be his fate. A glance at Julia, however, suddenly proved to Nat that sentiment was a matter of principle with him, and he accepts the seven years, this alternative the bishop later withdrawing.

There was delightful realism in the whole performance, and the stealthy appearance of Raddles, Nat's apprentice, through a window, delighted all the juvenile members of the audience immensely. This part, as well as that of Nat, was splendidly acted, L. Creery as Raddles and C. H. Collisson as the older burglar being quite up to the best professional standards in acting and speech. The Bishop of Minterweir, in dressing gown and nightcap, was acted by R. H. Finlayson with a certain dignity of humor which was quite in keeping with the exceedingly funny situation, while R. B. Waldon deserves great credit for the fascinations with which he imbued the role of the uncharming Julia.

"The Haunted Inn," an adaptation from a play of more gruesome ending, was given as a preliminary by an equally clever cast of actors. C. H. Collisson as Harry Helston, the perpetrator of the practical joke, and R. H. Finlayson, as Doctor Denning, were both excellent, while C. W. Husband assumed the part of a gaudy old gentleman very effectively. E. Henderson was delightfully glib as William, the butler, and other parts were commendably sustained by B. Sizer and W. H. Snyder.

The stage arrangements in both cases were excellently managed; the scenery was most ingeniously and cleverly prepared by the Sergeant, and some very realistic lighting effects were realized by the electrician, J. W. Robbick. As stage manager and property master respectively, C. H. Collisson and R. H. Finlayson accomplished other things which redounded greatly to their credit.

The remainder of the programme consisted of songs by F. A. Sparks, whose pleasing voice was heard in Sullivan's "Will He Come" and "The Maid of Alkila," A. R. Dobson, who accompanied, also playing some piano-forte selections in the interval between the plays. The programme concluded with the singing of the school song, the words by the warden, R. V. Harvey, being sung to a well-known air by Leslie Conyers.

This was not the least pleasing of the numbers of the evening, and too much cannot be said of the manner in which Messrs. Collisson, Dobson and Thomas have developed the choral

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LOCAL NEWS

Increase in Clearings.—The bank clearings for the second week of December, ending December 16, are \$3,103,813, being an increase of \$42,000 on the figures of the previous week.

Council Meets Friday.—There will be a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade Friday morning at 10.30 to decide what is to be done with the municipal report which was adopted by the general meeting of the board last evening.

To Give Christmas Treat.—There will be an entertainment of specially-selected moving pictures, chosen particularly with the idea of interesting children, at the Dominion theatre at 11 a. m. on Christmas day. The entertainment is being provided by the First Baptist church, and all poor children are especially invited.

Moose Dance.—Last evening at Moose hall a most enjoyable dance was held, about thirty couples passing the time pleasantly from 8.30 to 1 a. m., in dancing to the accompaniment of Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra. Delicious refreshments were served in the club-room at 11 o'clock, the tables looking very pretty, and an inviting menu being provided by Mr. Phillips, the caterer for the club. Messrs. Mullins and Bates acted as M. C.'s, and a number of visiting Moose were among the guests of the evening.

Camoun Chapter Meeting.—The Camoun Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire met yesterday in the Alexandra committee room, Mrs. Henry

Croft, the regent, in the chair, and a large number of the members being present. The main work of the meeting was the discussion of Christmas work, and arrangements were made for the distribution of funds in connection with this. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of Christmas greetings to the national regent, Mrs. Gooderham.

Closing Exercises.—The closing exercises of the Kingston Street school will be held in the assembly room of the South Park school on Thursday, December 18, at 1.30 p. m.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been issued to Fitzpatrick & O'Connell for alteration to premises on Yates street, which they will shortly occupy on vacating the Government street premises. Mrs. Ida Mellor takes out a permit for alterations to premises on Oxford street.

School Board.—At the meeting of the city school board to-day appointments will be made to the vacancies arising with the conclusion of the term. Some appointments will be made to the office also of janitors, possibly those required at the new high school.

"Everywoman" Calendar.—An attractively-designed calendar, called "The Everywoman," has been compiled by Miss Drainie, of Vancouver, and is on sale here at a number of the stationers' stores and from E. T. Mabbott, 311 Douglas street (Strathcona block). The proceeds from the sale of the calendar are to be devoted to the promotion of the work of the Political Equality League, the Women's Forum, and other societies interested in the woman movement. The cover design is by Mrs. R. Rintoul, of Chicago, and shows Siwash Rock from one of its most beautiful points of view.

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